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Convention

Chicago Synod

1903

Mulberry, Indiana.

CALENDAR.

1903.

August 16—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 1—Thursday 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 19—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

November 26—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill.

November 29—First Sunday in Advent.

1904.

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—Epiphany.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 17—Ash Wednesday, or First day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 3—Easter.

April 27—Wednesday 8:00 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 12—Ascension Day.

May 22—Whitsunday.

May 29—Trinity Sunday.

June 1—Wednesday 10:00 a. m., Thirty-fourth Convention of Chicago Synod, Wallace, Indiana.

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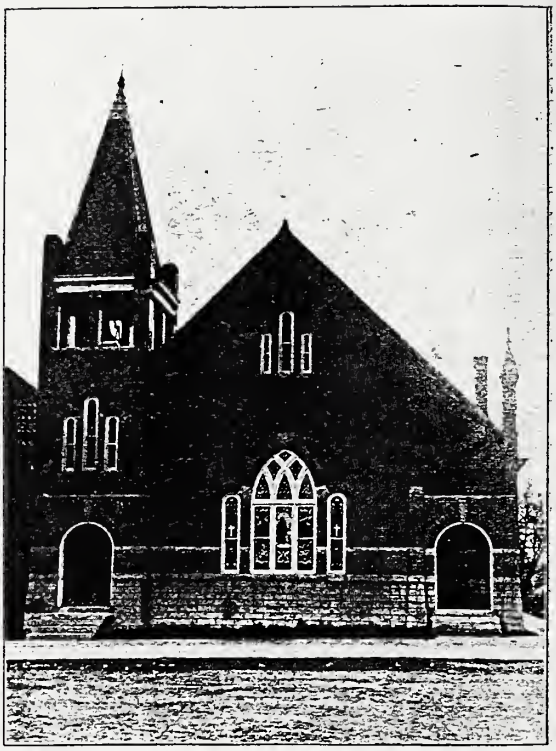

ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Pastor.

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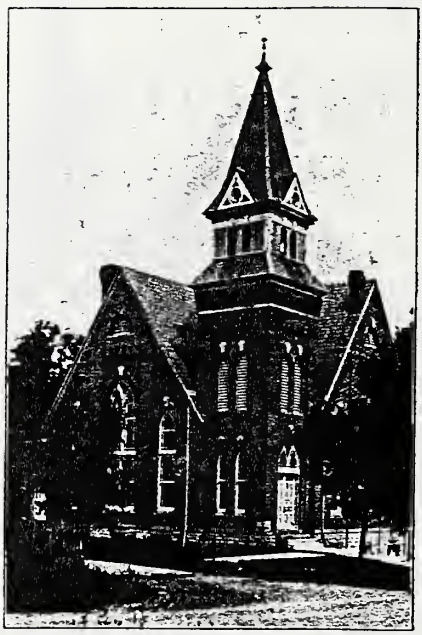

FAIR HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Near Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Pastor.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Fair Haven Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Mulberry Parish, Mulberry, Indiana, beginning June 10, 1903, at 10:00 a.m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. H. Peters, based on II Kings, 6:17; and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the benediction, the President announced the names of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates.

FIRST SESSION.

Zion's Church, Mulberry, Clinton County, Indiana.

Wednesday, June 10, 1903, 2 p. m.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. M. L. Wagner.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called and the Committee on Credentials presented the list of lay delegates.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

	NAME.	Ordain'd	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
1	A V House	1864	No Charge	Arcadia, Indiana
2	S Wagenhals, D D	1868	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana
3	Prof R F Weidner, DD, LLD, ae	1873	Professor	1311 Sheffield av., Chicago
4	Hiram Peters	1873	Decatur	Decatur, Illinois
5	J M G Sappenfield	1874	Claremont	Olney, Richland Co., Ill.
6	Prof G H Gerberding, D D	1876	Professor	1315 Waveland av., Chicago
7	M L Wagner	1884	No Charge	Vandalia, Illinois
8	Polycarp C Wike	1886	Colburn	Colburn, Indiana
9	Wm J Finck	1887	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana
10	D L Reese, ae	1889	Whitestown	Lebanon, Indiana
12	W L Hunton, Ph D	1889	Holy Trinity	521 La Salle av. Chicago
11	A L Boliek, r	1891	Newberry	Newberry, Indiana
13	A C Anda	1894	Field Secretary	787 N. Fairfield av. Chicago
14	C L V Dozer, ae	1895	No Charge	Defiance, Ohio
15	Isaiah Whitman	1896	Wallace	Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.
16	Austin D Crile	1897	Wicker Park	81 LeMoyne st., Chicago
17	Luther Hogshead	1897	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio
18	M E Boulton, r	1898	Mishawaka	Mishawaka, Indiana
19	George P Kabele	1898	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana
20	Harry B Reed	1899	St. Peter's	944 LeMoyne st., Chicago
21	Zenan M Corbet	1899	St. Mark's	1223 Addison av., Chicago
22	Alonzo H Arbaugh, ae	1899	No Charge	Lima, Ohio
23	Prof P W H Frederick, ae	1899	St. James'	321 N Mads'n av, Pas'd'na Cal
24	J C Dietz, r	1900	Alexandria	118 E. 6th st. Alexandria, Ind
25	George F Dittmar	1901	Rochester	Rochester, Fulton Co., Ind.
26	William Eckert	1901	South Bend	South Bend, Indiana
27	M E Haberland	1901	St. Luke's	1753 Elston ave., Chicago
28	Joel R E Hunt	1901	St. John's	6144 Michigan av., Chicago
29	Henry K Lantz	1901	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana
30	S D Myers	1902	Syracuse	Nappanee, Indiana
31	William J Seiberling	1902	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana
32	John V Sappenfield	1902	Corydon	Corydon, Indiana
33	J A Miller, r	1902	Detroit	863 Milwaukee av., Detroit
34	Paul W Roth, r	1903	Elgin	434 Chicago av., Elgin, Ill.
35	Paul J Gerberding, r	1903	St. Matthew's	1678 Flournoy st., Chicago
36	L P Pence, r	1903	Atonement	6400 Bishop st., Chicago

a, Absent. e, Excused. r, Received during year.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

NAME	PARISH	RESIDENCE
M. J. Paulson	Humboldt Park	Chicago
L. P. Pence	Englewood	Chicago
C. T. A. Anderson	Holy Trinity	Chicago
L. W. Steckel	Avondale	Chicago
Wm. Lange	St. Matthew's	Chicago
Peter J. Brock	Logan Square	Chicago
Elmer Tracht	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio
Thomas Sowers	Wallace	Wallace, Indiana
Wm. F. Klus	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana
E. C. Bartholomew	Syracuse	Millersburg, Indiana
S. C. Huff	E. Germantown	Middletown, Indiana
Henry Guise	Rochester	Bruce Lake, Indiana
M. L. Koons, M. D.	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana
E. P. Troxel	Colburn	Owasco, Indiana
B. F. Wert	South Bend	South Bend, Indiana
Uriah Mohr	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana
John Knauer	Lafayette	Lafayette, Indiana
M. L. Deck	Decatur	Decatur, Illinois
George Haines	Claremont	Olney, Illinois
Geo. A. A. Dieckmann	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois
Andrew Rystrom	Elgin	Elgin, Illinois
Robert Erickson	Detroit	Detroit, Michigan

Applicants for the Ministry.

The following students of Theology were in attendance, and were granted the privilege of the floor:

Paul W. Roth, Elgin, Illinois.
Paul J. Gerberding, Chicago, Illinois.
L. P. Pence, Chicago, Illinois.
John Knauer, Lafayette, Indiana.
S. O. Sigmond.

Visiting Ministers.

During this convention, the following brethren were welcomed and invited to a seat and voice in its sessions:

Rev. J. A. Miller, Detroit, Michigan.
Rev. A. L. Bolick, Newberry, Indiana.
Rev. M. E. Boulton, Mishawaka, Indiana.
Rev. J. C. Dietz, Alexandria, Indiana.
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Greensburg, Pa.

The President's Report.

Dear Brethren:

The Synod is the legislative, executive and judicial body among us. It stands midway between the more general body above, and the congregations below it. It is the center of light and life both ways. Its annual meeting, therefore, is the event of the year in our Church work. As such, it has, or accumulates, a vast amount of business which requires due time, business sense and business methods. It counts up and tabulates the results of the past year. It sits down and counts the cost, and then launches out into the deep of the coming year and lets down its net for another draught.

But we do not meet for business alone, my brethren. We meet also to kindle the flame of devotion in our own hearts; we meet to throw into the routine of our business (which often becomes dull and dry, and we hasten to get through with it as soon as possible and be off) a fervor, a glow, a spirit, a life and a projecting force which will carry the arrow to its mark. We are to deal in spiritual projectiles —projectiles, I would say, not fireworks. Our Synod is more than a mere business corporation or an executive committee of churches. At our Synodical gatherings we are to be inspired to greater and nobler deeds; we are to be induced to a greater degree of self-sacrifice; we are to be led to a more thorough consecration to our life work; we are to have wrought in us a deeper interest in all the various branches and departments of our Church's work in this land. But these ends cannot be secured by a mere business routine; they must be secured in God's appointed way, and by the use of His appointed Means. They are to be secured by the handling of the Divine Word, and applying it to all the departments of Synod's work; by the public worship of God's house; by the discussion of all doctrinal and practical subjects which bear upon the work in hand; by the evidencing of our Christian fellowship and brotherhood as we come together after the isolation of a whole year in our widely scattered parishes; by the partaking of each other's joys and thereby increasing them; by the sharing of each other's burdens, trials and sorrows and decreasing them.

As individual members of Synod we need to have our faith increased, our hope enlivened, our love intensified. But these, we must feel and know, are to be kindled by coals from off the altar. We meet, not so much as business men, but as spiritual men; as those who mind spiritual things, whose calling is spiritual, who are to build

up a spiritual kingdom, and whose weapons are not carnal, but spiritual. As such we must ever betake ourselves to the fountainheads of all spiritual life, to draw therefrom the inspiration and strength for our work.

God in His mercy has granted us a most prosperous year. Cheering reports come up from all sides. An increasing activity is apparent in almost all the departments of our church work.

The faithful and persistent preaching and teaching of the Divine Word, and the administration of the Sacraments, are beginning to bring forth those divine results among our ministry and people which we have longed, hoped and prayed for in past years, but which have tarried until we have been tried, disciplined and made meet for them. These results have never been so much in evidence as to-day. In them, we see and feel that our faith in our Faith is mightily strengthened, and our faith in the mission and destiny of our Church in this country is more strongly assured and guaranteed. But the degree of success which has attended our labors during the year, has but served to widen the horizon of our field to our view. What has been done and secured beyond peradventure, becomes the incentive to what remains to be done. The land already possessed only reveals to us what yet remains to be possessed. The results of the past year must not lead us to lay off, or lay down our armour. We are here to gird it on anew, to press forward, to follow the pointing hand of God is His providence into the waste places of Zion, and into the regions beyond, yea, into the wilderness of this blighted world, where the light of the Gospel has not yet penetrated to warm and gladden human hearts; to gather together the lost and scattered sheep of the house of Luther, and to make inroads into the Kingdom which sits in the darkness of this busy and bustling, but God-forsaking, God-denying and God-defying world.

With such evidences as we have that God is with us and for us; that we are workers together with Him, we may well join with the Apostle as he triumphantly exclaims: "If God be for us who can be against us?" Only we ourselves can be against ourselves in such a conjuncture of favorable divine providences. Let therefore our unity in the Faith bring forth unity of counsel and action, and a concerted movement all along the line, without breaking of step or rank, with hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder, a solid phalanx, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, going forth con-

quering and to conquer through Him, who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God.

It is not our privilege in this report to address you with the accustomed salutation "Fathers and Brethren". The Fathers, where are they? The pioneers and the brethren of the old regime have all passed away. A new generation, the older part dating from the founding of the Philadelphia Seminary in 1864, and the younger part dating from the founding of the Chicago Seminary in 1891, is now upon the scene and in charge.

During the year it pleased God to transplant from the church militant to the church triumphant, the two lingering brethren of the former generation, whose names for so many years have stood at the head of our Synodical roll.

Rev. John Good died at Whitestown, Indiana on the 25th day of June, 1902, and Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., at New Augusta, Indiana on the 22d day of February, 1903; the former at the age of 78, and the latter at the age of 67 years. They were both laid to rest by the same pastor, within the bounds of whose charge they both lived and died. Having reached a good age and their work done, they quietly and peacefully passed away from earth to be numbered among the first fruits which this reorganized Synod has contributed to the church above, in the heavenly places. I have requested the Chairman of the Benevolence Committee to prepare brief obituaries of these two aged brethren, to be printed in the minutes. And so great have been the services of Dr. Stirewalt, that your "Committee on Printed Program" has been prompted to arrange for a Memorial Service to these two brethren, to be held during this convention, subject to the approval of Synod.

The fact that no clerical member of Synod, except the pastor who officiated, was present at the funeral of either of these brethren, is to be regretted. In these days, when the sentiment of human fellowship and brotherhood is being emphasized and displayed everywhere on such occasions, it ill becomes the church, which is the Communion of Saints, to fail to any extent in the expression of her sympathy, fellowship and love for departed members of her ministry. Widely separated as we are in our respective parishes and with other hindrances which may excuse us in the sight of God, we may often find it exceedingly difficult and well nigh impossible to attend the funeral service of

deceased brethren; yet a quickened sense of duty in this respect, may still be the one thing lacking, to secure those last sad rites which are the expression of honor to the dead, and comfort to the living, at the graves of deceased brethren in the faith.

Installations.

The following is a list of installations during the year, with the names of the brethren who officiated:

Rev. S. D. Myers, Benton, Syracuse charge, July 27th, Revs. A. C. Anda and A. H. Arbaugh.

Rev. S. D. Myers, Nappance, Syracuse charge, August 3d, Rev. L. Hogshead.

Rev. J. V. Sappenfield, Corydon charge, August 3d, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.

Rev. A. L. Boliek, Newberry charge, November 16th, Rev. Isaiah Whitman.

Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Mulberry charge, December 7th Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D.

Rev. J. C. Dietz. Alexandria charge, February 8th, the President of Synod and Rev. P. C. Wike.

Rev. M. E. Boulton, Mishawaka charge, April 19th, Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., A. C. Anda and Wm. Eckert.

Resignations and Removals.

The resignation of Rev. A. C. Anda of the Goshen charge, went into effect August 26th. He removed to Chicago to take up the work of the Field Secretary of the General Council. He still retains his connection with this Synod.

Under date of June 30th. Rev. J. Wesner informed me that he had resigned the East Germantown charge, his resignation to take effect October 1st, in order to accept a call within the bounds of the District Synod of Ohio. He was granted a letter of honorable dismissal to that Synod.

Under date of August 1st, Rev. W. H. Shepfer informed me that he had closed his labors in the Newberry charge, and would remove the following week to his new charge within the bounds of the District Synod of Ohio. He has been granted a letter of honorable dismissal to that body.

Under date of December 14th, Rev. M. L. Wagner announced to me his resignation of the Vandalia pastorate. His resignation went

into effect January 13th. He still resides within our bounds, and retains his membership with us.

Under date of February 17th, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele informed me that his resignation of St. Matthew's Mission of Chicago had been accepted; that he had formally accepted the call extended to him from the Goshen charge, and would remove to his new field May 1st.

Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, writing from Pasadena, Cal. under date of April 21st, informed me that circumstances would compel his residence in California for the next two years at least. He expects to take up church work in connection with the General Synod which will necessitate his dismissal from this Synod. He was assured that as soon as his resignation of St. James' Mission in Chicago is accepted, his request will be granted.

Calls Accepted.

Under date of July 28th, Rev. A. L. Boliek of Edenberg, Va., informed me, that he had accepted the call extended him from the Newberry charge, and would enter upon his duties in his new field October 1st. He did so, and has placed in my hands his dismissal from the Tennessee Synod, and applies for admission into this body.

Rev. J. C. Dietz having accepted the call from our Mission in Alexandria, under date of October 1st, sent me his dismissal from the Tennessee Synod, and applies for admission into this Synod.

Under date of April 4th, Rev. M. E. Boulton of Goodhue, Minn, informed me, that he had accepted the call from our Mission in Mishawaka, and would take charge April 19th. He enclosed his letter of dismissal from the Synod of the North West, and applies for admission into this body.

Under date of May 5th, Student Paul J. Gerberding informed me that he had received a call from St. Matthew's Mission in Chicago, and enclosed his application for ordination at our hands.

Under date of May 10th, Student Paul W. Roth informed me that he had received a call from the newly organized congregation at Elgin, Ill., and enclosed his application for ordination.

Application for Membership.

Under date of May 28th, Rev. J. A. Miller, of Detroit, Mich. sent me his application for membership in this body. It has been placed in the hands of the Examining Committee.

Corner Stone Layings, Dedications, Reopenings.

The corner stone of the First English Lutheran Church of Mishawaka, Indiana, Rev. Wm. Eckert, temporary pastor, was laid by your President on August 31st, with appropriate ceremonies. Many of the members of the adjoining congregations at South Bend and Goshen were in attendance.

The new edifice of Zion's congregation at Colburn, Indiana, Rev. P. C. Wike, Pastor, was dedicated June 15th. The Pastor was assisted by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Superintendent of Home Missions of the General Council. and Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Treasurer of Synod. The entire cost of the building was $5,000, all of which has been provided for; $1,450 of this amount being secured on the day of dedication.

Salem Church, at New Augusta, Ind., Rev. D. L. Reese, Pastor, after being improved within and without, at an outlay of $500, was reopened November 23d. The services were conducted by the Pastor.

St. John's Church, at Anderson. Ind., Rev. W. J. Finck, Pastor, for a number of years in course of erection and equipment, was finally completed and dedicated February 1st. The Pastor was assisted on the occasion by Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph. D., of Buffalo, New York, Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss of the Chicago Seminary and by Rev. J. C. Schacht, of Marion, Ind, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, who spoke in German. The expenses of the erection and furnishings of the building have all been met. Offerings to the amount of $600, were secured on the day of dedication.

The Church of our Blessed Redeemer, at Alexandria, Ind., Rev. J. C. Dietz, Pastor, was set apart to divine use on February 8th. The following brethren, besides the Pastor elect were present and took part in one or more of the services of the day: — Revs. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.; Wm. J. Finck; P. C. Wike; H. K. Lantz; W. J. Seiberling and your President. The total cost of the handsome structure and furniture, of more than ordinary completeness, costliness and beauty was $15,000, which was all met by the liberality of an unknown friend in the East, and presented by Rev. Mr. Finck, acting for the donor, a free gift, without incumbrance either upon lot or building, to the Mission on this day. An object lesson to the Church indeed and to be had in everlasting remembrance!

Trinity Mission at South Bend, Ind., Rev. Wm. Eckert, Pastor, having secured a building located elsewhere in the city, moved it upon

their own lot, refitted and refurnished it at a cost of $1.300. It was dedicated to holy uses December 28th. The Pastor was assisted by Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Mission Director. But a small debt rests upon the property.

The new edifice of the First English Lutheran Church of Mishawaka, Ind., embracing the church proper and its chapel, were dedicated April 19th, the brethren Hunton, Anda, Eckert and the Pastor elect, Rev. M. E. Boulton, conducting the services. Already $10.000 have been expended and $5,000 more will be needed to complete it. These gratifying and cheering results, both present and prospective, like those at Alexandria, which we have noted, were rendered possible by the liberality of single individuals, whom God has blessed with this world's goods, and has still more highly blessed with a fervent and abiding love for His church.

St. Paul's Church, near Tiosa, Ind., in which Synod met two years ago, Rev. Geo. F. Dittmar, Pastor, having undergone considerable repairs, improvements and refurnishing, at a cost of $500, was reopened with appropriate services April 26th, Rev. M. L. Wagner, along with the Pastor, conducting the services.

New Congregations.

Under date of February 4th, Field Secretary Anda informed me that he had succeeded in organizing Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Elgin, Ills., with a membership of 41; that they had called Student Paul W. Roth as Pastor, subject to his ordination by this Synod, and that they had resolved to become self-sustaining from the start. The prospect was at the time, that the membership would be increased to 75, by the time Synod would meet. They have resolved to unite with this Synod at this meeting, and have placed in my hands their application.

Under date of June 3, there came into my hands the application of St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit, Mich., for membership in this Synod. It will be referred to the proper Committee for examination and report.

The application of the English Lutheran Church of the Atonement, of Chicago, Ills., has been placed in my hands since my arrival here. It will be referred to the same Committee.

Vacancies.

Gila is still vacant. It has been supplied during the year with the preaching of the Word once a month, and with the Sacrament of

the Lord's Supper at accustomed intervals, by the brethren House and Wagner. The latter is now supplying it, and will continue to do so until called elsewhere. The last report of Bro. Wagner is quite encouraging. The congregation has raised a part of its apportionment, and has requested the brother to speak and act for it at this meeting of Synod, offering to pay his expenses. There is hope also, that this point may in the near future be connected with other points, and served along with them, by the same man. It would be a good thing for this field if Bro. Wagner could be retained in it, to realize this hope. I would respectfully direct the attention of our Mission Committee to this part of our Synodical field.

The East Germantown charge has been vacant since October 1st. Rev. A. H. Arbaugh has been supplying it up to this time, from Lima, O., with services once a month, in each of the three congregations. He expects to spend his summer vacation among these people, and minister unto them, and afterwards continue their supply for a limited time, or until a regular pastor is secured.

Vandalia, rendered vacant since the middle of January last, by the resignation of Rev. M. L. Wagner, has not yet secured a pastor. Every effort is being made to secure an acceptable man for this important place. A lay-delegate will be present at this meeting of Synod. We hope in the near future to announce the filling of this vacancy.

Synodical Paper.

The Committee on a Synodical Organ, appointed at the last meeting, has gone to the full extent of its power, and has secured a monthly edition of THE LUTHERAN, for circulation among our people. The first number appeared in April. In the cost, which is nominal, in beauty of type, paper, mechanical finish, and illustration, in judicious editorial instinct, in adaptation to local needs and the reading taste of our people, it is unexcelled. Our people will take and read it if pressed upon their attention. The brethren of the Committee, have financially obligated themselves to see it through. We both owe them our thanks for their services thus far rendered, so freely and without grudging, and we are bound by all considerations of honesty and Christian manliness, not to leave them to bear the financial burden alone.

The Lutheran.

We should deeply regret if the monthly edition of THE LUTHERAN should interfere with the increase in circulation of the weekly edition among our people,—especially at this time when THE LUTHERAN itself

is making a special effort to secure 3,000 additional subscribers, and is appealing to us as pastors to help in this laudable undertaking. We rather hope that the reading of the monthly edition will whet the appetite of our people for the weekly edition. At least this is one of the objects to be kept in view. As the official organ of the General Council, as our representative and spokesman to the outside religious world, as the criterion by which we shall be measured, weighed, and judged, by others, the church owes it to herself to make THE LUTHERAN all that it can be made in its own sphere which it now already fills so well.

The Chicago Seminary.

Although much has been said in previous reports in praise of this institution on our territory, we owe it to ourselves and to the Church to bear witness again to its ever increasing usefulness to us as a Synod. Out of some 36 names which will appear on our Synodical roll for the coming year, 28 will be the names of men who are, or have been, in connection with the seminary long enough to catch its *esprit de corps*, either as professors, graduates, post-graduates, or students. This fact will speak louder than words of the debt of gratitude we owe as a Synod to this timely, thorough-going, whole-souled, and intensely-practical school of the prophets.

Recommendations.

1. PASTORS' HOMES. Two of our parishes have secured homes for their pastors during the year. The one is that of our Mission at Mishawaka. Here a lot adjoining that on which the new church now stands was bought and donated by one of the members, and a modern, eight-room parsonage has been erected upon it, at a cost of $1600. It was begun, completed, and occupied, before the corner-stone of the new church was laid.

The other is that of the Newberry charge. Under date of May 19th, Pastor Boliek informed me that his congregation at Newberry had purchased a property for the pastor's home, consisting of a double lot adjoining the church lot, with a cottage and all necessary out buildings upon it. The price was $650, which has nearly all been raised. Steps will soon be taken to enlarge and improve the premises.

I mention these two instances, in this place, to direct the attention of Synod to them, and to raise the question as to whether something cannot be done to interest our congregations and charges more largely and actively in this branch of congregational work and liberality.

2. A New Conference.—The district in the territory of every Synod which is most liable to be neglected in the ministration, and which has been as a matter of fact so neglected in the past, is that which is furthest removed from the centers of Synodical activity. With us this district is composed of the southern portion of the State of Indiana, and the southern and central portions of Illinois. I would raise the question as to the advisability and feasibility of Synod, in the near future, forming a new Conference in this territory, to which might be assigned, as a beginning, the following charges: Decatur, Vandalia, Gila, Claremont, Newberry, and Corydon.

3. Mission Director.—On account of the growing importance of our Home Mission work, and the power and privilege exercised by the Mission Director, I would recommend that the office of Mission Director be made a Synodical one, and its incumbent, upon nomination by the Mission Committee, be elected by Synod; and that the duties and privileges of installing missionaries, laying of corner stones, and consecration of Mission Churches, be placed in his hands, with the sole restriction that he report the same to the President of Synod.

I submit along with this report, the report of your Committee on the Printed Program for this Convention of Synod.

I desire before closing to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy and responsiveness, with which all my requests, counsels, and appointments have been received and carried out by all the brethren so addressed. It is a pleasure to labor among such brethren.

With the prayer that the Great Head of the Church, Whose we are and Whom we serve, will preside over us and direct us in all our doings, to His greater glory and our greater good.

I am your obedient servant,

Mulberry, Ind., June 10th, 1903. H. Peters.

The report was received and placed in the hands of the Committee on President's Report.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed Revs. S. D. Myers, Wm. Eckert and Z. M. Corbet as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. Hiram Peters.
Secretary—Rev. H. B. Reed.
Treasurer—Rev. I. Whitman.

The Program presented by the Committee on Program was indorsed by Synod, with the proviso, that it may be departed from if deemed advisable.

Report of the Examining Committee.

Seven applicants for membership appeared before your Committee. All requirements of the Constitution were complied with.

We recommend that the following named brethren be received, and, on signing the Constitution enrolled:

1. Rev. M. E. Boulton, called to the Mishawaka Pastorate, and honorably dismissed from the Synod of the North West.

2. Rev. A. L. Boliek, called to the Newberry Pastorate, and honorably dismissed from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

3. Rev. J. C. Dietz, called to the Alexandria Pastorate, and honorably dismissed from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

4. Rev. J. A. Miller, Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., has formally applied for membership. Your Committee held a somewhat extended colloquium with him, and carefully considered the circumstances which induced him to seek membership in this body. We recommend his reception and enrollment, as soon as his congregation shall have been received.

5. Student Paul W. Roth, is a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary. A special examination has satisfied your Committee of his fitness for the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He has been regularly called by Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church at Elgin, Ill. We recommend that he be ordained and enrolled.

6 Student Paul J. Gerberding, also a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary, has been called to the Pastorate of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church of Chicago. He was likewise examined as to his fitness for the ministry, to the satisfaction of your Committee. We recommend that he be ordained and enrolled.

7. Student L. P. Pence, also a graduate of the Chicago Seminary, and called to the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, Ill., has been examined and found qualified for his calling. We recommend that he be ordained and installed.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted item by item and as a whole.

The above named ministerial brethren and candidates for ordination, were then introduced to Synod by the President of the Examining Committee, and were welcomed by the President of Synod.

Rev. Wm. J. Finck of Anderson, Indiana, read his paper on "The Inner Call to the Ministry."

The discussion of the above paper was opened by Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., of Chicago.

The President appointed the Regular Committees as follows:

Credentials of Lay Delegates—Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, S. D. Myers, M. E. Haberland.

President's Report—Revs. A. C. Anda, M. L. Wagner, P. C. Wike.

On Protocol—Revs. Geo. Dittmar, S. D. Myers.

On Absentees—Revs. L. Hogshead, J. R. E. Hunt Mr. B. F. Wert.

On Press—For The Lutheran, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.
For the Synodical Paper, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.
For the Local Press, M. L. Koons, M. D.

On Conferences—Revs. H. K. Lantz. H. B. Reed.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. E. C. Bartholomew, E. Tracht, M. J. Paulson.

The Standing and Special Committees as appointed in 1902 were as follows:

Standing Committees.

Examination—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D. D., G. H. Gerberding, D. D. M. L. Wagner, A. D. Crile, J. R. E. Hunt.

Foreign Missions—Revs. G. P. Kabele, M. E. Haberland, Mr. H. J. G. Bartholomew.

Home Missions—Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., A. C. Anda, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., P. C. Wike, L. Hogshead, Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, A. P. Johnson, S. R. Meck, George Roth.

Education—Rev. A. D. Crile, Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, Mr. Wm. Snyder.

Benevolence—Revs. M. L. Wagner, W. J. Finck, Mr. W. G. Gable.

Discipline—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, S. Wagenhals, D. D., G. F. Dittmar, S. D. Myers, D. L. Reese.

Reception of Congregations—Revs. P. C. Wike, Z. M. Corbet, Mr. A. L. Ridenour.

Parochial Reports and Apportionments—Revs. W. J. Finck, I. Whitman, Wm. Eckert, Messrs. M. Rudisill, M. L. Deck.

Special Committees.

Educational Institution—Revs. I. Whitman, W. J. Seiberling, H. K. Lantz, P. C. Wike, Messrs. G. Rorabaugh, Allen Glick, O. J. Mennen.

Synodical Paper—Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., G. P. Kabele, M. L. Wagner, Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, Prof. S. R. Meck.

Directors of Dieckmann Memorial Home—Rev. M. L. Wagner, President; Rev. I. Whitman, Secretary; Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, Rev. Luther Hogshead, and Messrs. G. A. A. Dieckmann, Treasurer, N. D. Myers, and J. B. B. Bennyhoff.

(The following Committees were appointed this year for work at this Convention.)

On Report of Directors of Dieckmann Memorial Home—Revs. M. L. Wagner, S. Wagenhals, L. Hogshead.

Nominating Committee on Board of Directors for the Colburn Academy—Revs. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., A. D. Crile, Mr. M. L. Deck.

The hours for opening and closing the daily sessions were fixed as follows: 8:00 to 11:30 for the morning; 2:00 to 4:30 for the afternoon, and 7:30 for beginning evening service.

Adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.

SECOND SESSION.

ZION'S CHURCH, MULBERRY, IND.,
June 11, 8.00 a. m.

Rev. A. L. Boliek conducted the devotions, which consisted of the Matin service.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Report of the Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home.

The Corporation and Board of Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, would respectfully submit the following report:

1. At the last annual meeting of the Corporation and Board of Directors, after carefully considering the whole question involved, it unanimously resolved to return the property in its possession to the donor, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dieckmann.

2. That in order that all legal requirements be complied with, all debts of the Corporation be paid, and all funds contributed towards the Home be refunded to the respective donors, and a transfer of the title to Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dieckmann be made by the officers of the Corporation.

3. That when all these requirements have been met, the Corporation be dissolved, and the Secretary of State be duly notified of the dissolution.

In the examination of the deed made to the Corporation, by the said Elizabeth L. Dieckmann, it was found, that the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is made a party in the title to the realty. In view of the above action of the Corporation and Board of Directors, and of this interest of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, we recommend the following;

Be it resolved:

That the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in annual convention assembled, at Mulberry, Indiana, June 10, 1903. hereby approves the action of the Corporation and Board of Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Vandalia. Illinois, in reconveying the property owned by it, to Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dieckmann, of Vandalia, Illinois, the donor, because it was impracticable to carry out the wishes and

purposes of the donor, and unjust to hold the property any longer under these conditions; and in order to make a perfect and clear title again, in Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dieckmann, the Chicago Synod hereby votes, that a Quitclaim Deed to said same property, be made by the Chicago Synod to Elizabeth L. Dieckmann; that said deed be made and executed by the President and Secretary and the three (3) Trustees of the Synod, and signed, sealed, acknowledged, and delivered by them to her, with the seal of the Synod attached thereto, conveying the property heretofore conveyed to her by the President and Secretary of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, described as follows: Part of Lot Two (2) of Block Thirty-eight (38), described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot Two (2), running thence west forty-six (46) feet, thence north twenty (20) feet, thence west forty (40) feet, thence north forty-two (42) feet, thence west sixty-six (66) feet, thence north eighteen (18) feet, thence east one hundred and fifty-two (152) feet, thence south eighty (80) feet to the place of beginning; all of Lot Three (3), and forty-five (45) feet off of the south side of Lot Four (4), forty-five (45) feet off of the south side of Lot Five (5), and all of Lots Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), all in Block Thirty-eight (38) of the City of Vandalia, according to the original plat thereof, situated in the County of Fayette, and State of Illinois, and releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Laws of the State of Illinois.

THE BOARD.

The report was referred to the following Special Committee: Revs. M. L. Wagner, S. Wagenhals, D. D., and L. Hogshead.

Report of the Committee on Reception of Congregations.

1. The Church of the Atonement, Chicago, Ill., with nineteen charter members, at a congregational meeting held June 7, 1903, unanimously voted to apply for membership in our body. Its constitution having been approved, the Committee recommends that this congregation be received.

2. The Church of the Holy Trinity, Elgin, Ill., with forty-one charter members, now numbering seventy-five members, at a congregational meeting held January 30, 1903, voted to apply for membership in this body. Its constitution being approved, we recommend that this congregation be received.

3. St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Detroit, Mich., with forty-two members, at a meeting held June 3. 1903, voted to apply for membership in this body. Its constitution being approved, we recommend that this congregation be received.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received, considered by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Parochial Reports, which was instructed at our last Convention to submit a new blank, for the approval of Synod, presented the following, which was adopted:

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Of ..... Church
of the ..... Pastorate
For the Synodical Year ending with and including Whitsunday.
Pastor's Name .....
P. O. Address .....

1. MEMBERSHIP,
   - Entitled to Commune - - - .....
   - Communed during the Year - - .....
   - Baptized Members - - - .....
2. INFANT BAPTISMS, - - - - - .....
3. CATECHUMENS, - - - - - .....
4. ACCESSIONS,
   - By Adult Baptism - - - - .....
   - By Confirmation - - - - .....
   - From Lutheran Congregations - - .....
   - From other Congregations - - .....
   - By Restoration - - - - .....
5. LOSSES,
   - By Death - - - - - .....
   - By Removal - - - - - .....
   - By Exclusion - - - - .....
6. SUNDAY SCHOOLS,
   - Number - - - - - - .....
   - Officers and Teachers - - - .....
   - Scholars - - - - - - .....
   - Total Income of School - - - .....

7. Estimated Value of Church Property - .....
(Including Parsonage, School Houses, Chapels, Cemeteries, etc.)

8. Current Expenses of Congregation, Schools and Societies,
(Including Pastor's Salary.) .....

9. Beneficence,

Apportionment, { Synodical Home Missions .....
Foreign Missions - - .....
Beneficiary Education - - .....
Synodical Expenses - - .....
Ministerial Relief - - .....

Home Missions of General Council .....
Church Extension of General Council .....
Orphan Work - - - - .....
For the Chicago Seminary - - .....
For the Colburn Academy - - .....
Local Benevolence and Missions - .....
Total Beneficence - - .....
Total of all Expenditures - .....

Use one blank for each Congregation.
Fill out your blanks carefully and send them to the Chairman of the Apportionment Committee ten days before the meeting of Synod.

The following resolutions offered by Dr. G. H. Gerberding were adopted by Synod:

Resolved: 1. That all our Congregations and Sunday Schools take up an annual announced envelope offering for the Chicago Seminary, the envelopes to be furnished free by the Seminary, and that all such offerings be sent to the Treasurer of Synod.

2. That the Roll of Ministers be called at each Convention of Synod, and inquiry made as to what has been done in each parish.

Treasurer's Report.

The following is the Report of the Treasurer of the Chicago Synod for the year ending June 1, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report		$ 262 68
Offerings at Synod for Foreign Missions		44 39
" "	Gen. Council Home Missions	27 48
" "	Beneficiary Education	11 80
" "	Seminary in Chicago	35 55

For the Seminary in Chicago	75 11	
Foreign Missions, Special	170 00	
Home Missions of the General Council	87 89	
Church Extension of the General Council	52 92	
Offerings returned from O. P. Home, Vandalia	17 53	
On Apportionments	2137 95	
Total Receipts		$2923 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

The Seminary in Chicago	$ 113 41	
Foreign Missions	318 46	
Home Missions of the General Council	115 37	
Church Extension of the General Council	52 92	
General Expense Fund of the General Council	57 45	
Beneficiary Education	299 15	
Ministerial Relief	125 00	
Synodical Expenses	153 05	
Rev. M. E. Haberland	150 00	
Synodical Home Missions	1483 65	
Cash on hand	54 84	
Total		$2923 30

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL.

June 1, 1902—June 1, 1903.

PARISH	CONGREGATION	DELI'Y	APPO'T	SPEC'L	TOTAL
Alexandria	Our Saviour	$	$ 15 75	$	$ 15 75
Anderson	St. John's	16 45			16 45
	Mt. Zion's				
Chicago	Holy Trinity		17 57	16 50	34 07
"	St. John's		56 25		56 25
"	Wicker Park		185 90		185 90
"	St. Mark's		36 40		36 40
"	St. James'		5 20	6 00	11 20
"	St. Matthew's		37 28	6 00	43 28
"	St. Peter's		13 55	7 19	20 74
"	St. Luke's		23 10		23 10
Claremont	St. James'		53 50		53 50
Colburn	St. John's		41 41	15 59	57 00
	Zion's	4 70	20 00	12 15	32 15
	Bethel		2 00	1 10	3 10
Corydon	Mt. Solomon		52 95		52 95
Decatur	First English		60 45	10 64	71 09
East Germantown	Zion's		7 91		7 91
	St. Jacob's		24 05		24 05
	St. John's		6 77		6 77
Fort Wayne	Holy Trinity		415 35		415 35
Frankfort	St. Paul's		65 65	6 19	71 84
Gila	Union		24 65		24 65
Goshen	First English		21 25		21 25

Hicksville	St. John's		41 60	27 39	68 99
	Lost Creek		49 40	13 64	63 04
	Zion's		18 12	7 65	25 77
Lafayette	Zion's		5 65		5 65
Mishawaka	First English				
Mulberry	Zion's	73 23	97 50	128 00	298 73
	Fairhaven		63 00		63 00
Newberry	St. Peter's	5 00	20 00		25 00
	Mt. Zion's		23 00		23 00
Rochester	St. Paul's		31 35	5 54	36 89
	St. John's		6 25	2 88	9 13
South Bend	Holy Trinity	8 20	9 80		18 00
Syracuse	St Paul's		31 35	5 54	36 89
	Emmanuel		36 00	17 00	53 00
	Syracuse		14 30		14 30
	St. John's		11 05	12 00	23 05
Vandalia	St. James'		36 16		36 16
Wallace	Phanuel		42 90	5 54	48 44
	Emmanuel		20 15		20 15
	Philadelphia		13 65		13 65
Whitestown	Union		10 00		10 00
	Salem's		52 45		52 45
	St. Mark's		61 95		61 95
	St. James'		70 20		70 20

Of the forty-eight congregations in Synod, twenty have paid in full or overpaid. The remaining twenty-eight are delinquent to the amounts designated.

Anderson, St. John's	$ 61 75
" Mt. Zion's	21 75
Chicago, Holy Trinity	139 08
" St. James'	4 25
" St. Peter's	40 00
Claremont, St. James'	42 95
Colburn, Zion's	22 90
" Bethel	18 15
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	82 81
East Germantown, Zion's	112 52
" " St. Jacob's	32 00
" " St. John's	17 28
Gila, Union	307 25
Goshen, First English	106 15
Lafayette, Zion's	16 38
Mishawaka, First English	14 23
Mulberry, Zion's	30 01
" Fairhaven	39 77
Newberry, St. Peter's	29 95
" Mt. Zion's	9 50
Rochester, St. Paul's	16 10
" St John's	98 42

South Bend, Holy Trinity	14 89	
Syracuse, Syracuse	6 60	
Vandalia, St. James'	35 34	
Whitestown, Union	3 65	
" Salem	99 20	
" St. Mark's	26 45	
		$1449 33

The following amounts have been received since June 1st, and are credited as follows:

Colburn, Bethel	7 55	
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	4 50	
Mishawaka, First English	16 42	
Chicago, St. Peter's	40 00	
Frankfort, St. Paul's	7 42	
South Bend, Holy Trinity	15 67	
Whitestown, St. Mark's	26 45	
" Union	3 65	
Newberry, St. Peter's	10 00	
Whitestown, Salem's	18 35	
Anderson, St. John's	41 00	
" Mt. Zion's	16 75	
Chicago, Holy Trinity	139 08	
Claremont, St. James'	25 00	
Newberry, Mt. Zion's	9 50	
Lafayette, Zion's	3 28	
Rochester, St. Paul's	10 15	
" St. John's	8 65	
East Germantown, St. John's	24 05	
Colburn, Zion's	22 90	
Chicago, St. James'	4 25	
Goshen, First English	35 43	
Vandalia, St. James'	35 34	
Total		$ 525 09

In consequence of the excellent showing made by the congregations of Synod during the past year, as seen in the completed reports, being an accumulated deficiency of only $34.04, we would recommend, that all remaining deficiencies be cancelled.

ISAIAH WHITMAN, Treas.

The Report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Rev. Wm. J. Finck reported, that he had had a file of the Minutes of the Indiana Synod bound, according to instructions given by Synod at the last Convention.

Partial Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

We, your Committee on absentees, wish to submit the following report concerning absent brethren:

Revs. D. L. Reese, P. W. H. Frederick, C. L. V. Dozer, A. H. Arbaugh and Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner, have sent letters explaining their inability to be present at this convention of Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Synodical Paper.

Your Committee on Synodical Paper would respectfully report, that after reviewing the entire situation, and considering propositions from various sources, and on different plans, we have accepted an offer made by the Board of Publication of the General Council, whereby at a marvelously low figure, we have been able to issue a Western Monthly Lutheran, of eight pages, all of which is expressly selected or written with a view to our own constituency.

To accomplish this, it was necessary for the Committee to assume a financial responsibility beyond the amount of the advance subscriptions, of about $75.00, and the continuance of the paper beyond the present contract of the Committee, depends upon the co-operation of the members of Synod, to the extent of furnishing a minimum of 1000 subscribers, in addition to the regular circulation, at the actual cost of press work and paper; certainly a most liberal proposition.

Contributions towards the special Guarantee Fund, and subscriptions, should be given to Rev G. P. Kabele, Business Manager. All news, etc., to the Chairman of the Committee, who is the Editor.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted and the Committee continued.

The regular order of business was suspended, and Synod was addressed by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., of Greensburg, Pa., Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council.

Adjourned at 11:30, with prayer, led by Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

ZION'S CHURCH, MULBERRY, IND.,
June 11, 1903, 2 p. m.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. C. Dietz.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report, that the service in the interest of this great cause was held on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., and the Rev. M. E. Boulton, presented the needs of the Foreign Field.

Reports concerning the Foreign Mission of the General Council and the Porto Rico Mission from the chairmen of the respective Boards, were also read. The offering taken amounted to $20.36.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Wednesday evening offering be divided between the India and Porto Rico Missions as follows:—The India Mission $15.00; Porto Rico, $5.36.

2. That Synod appropriate $200.00 to the India Mission, and $50.00 to the Porto Rico Mission.

3. That Pastors urge their people to give regularly and systematically to this cause, and encourage their congregations, societies and individual members of means to support native Students.

4. That the Pastors see that the "Foreign Missionary" be distributed, as far as possible, in the Sunday Schools and Congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Synod adopted the following resolution, offered by the Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

Resolved: That Synod authorize its Committee on Foreign Missions to enter into correspondence with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council, in reference to the conditions on which our Synod can support a native pastor in India.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Invitations were received for entertaining the next Convention, from Emmanuel's congregation of the Wallace, Indiana, parish, and from St. John's congregation of Anderson, Indiana.

The invitation of Emmanuel's Church, Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana, was accepted.

Time of the next Convention: Wednesday after Trinity Sunday, 1904.

Report of Special Committee on Report of Board of Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged.

We, your Special Committee, charged with examining the Report of the Board of Directors of The Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged, would respectfully report, that after examining said Report, it is our judgment, that Synod adopt the Report and approve of the action of said Board, and instruct the Officers and Trustees of Synod to execute the desired Quitclaim Deed.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee.

The Report was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by the Committee on Home Missions was adopted.

Resolved: That we, the Mission Committee, request Synod to authorize the Examining Committee to examine Candidate Linden Philip Pence, and if his examination is satisfactory, authorize his ordination at the service Sunday morning.

The Committee on Conference read its report. While the report was under consideration, the hour for the hearing of the paper arrived.

Rev. J. R. E. Hunt read his paper on "The Error of Universalism." The subject was further discussed by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.

Synod adjourned with prayer at 4:30, led by Rev. I. Whitman.

FOURTH SESSION.

FAIRHAVEN CHURCH, Near Mulberry, Ind.

June 12, 1903, 8 a. m.

The Devotions, consisting of the Matin Service, were conducted by Rev. Z. M. Corbet.

The roll was called, and the minutes were read and adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Conferences was resumed, and was adopted as here follows.

Report of the Committee on Conferences.

The Committee on Conferences, begs leave to offer the following report: We have examined the minutes of the Northern Conference, and find the following recommendations:

1. Resolved that it is the sense of the Northern Conference, that the time has arrived, when the Chicago Synod should organize its women for systematic effort, in the general work of the Church, and we request Synod to take up the matter for consideration.

2. We recommend that Synod request the General Council to prepare and publish forms for the dismissal of members, such forms to be supplied to congregations.

3. We further recommend, that the attention of the General Council be directed to the need of a form for reception of new members, otherwise than by Baptism and Confirmation.

4. Resolved, that we request Synod to petition the General Council to prepare an outline form of an official call of a Congregation to a pastor.

5. We find in the report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses, the following: "Rev. Mr. Corbet is absent without excuse." Our Constitution requires, that if any member shall absent himself without excuse for two successive meetings of Conference, that such shall be reported to Synod. We recommend that this person be reported to Synod.

6. We have examined the Minutes of the Southern Conference and find nothing requiring the action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Committee on Benevolence.

We, your Committee, would respectfully report the following:

1. We have arranged for a service in the interests of Benevolence this evening, and would recommend, that the offering be equally divided between the Hospital at Chicago and the Orphans' Home at Zelienople, Pa.

2. We would recommend. that the offerings returned from the Dieckmann Memorial Home, be also given to the above named institutions.

3. That the unpaid balance of the $150 appropriated to the relief of Dr. Stirewalt last year, be paid to the widow of the deceased brother.

4. That we again most earnestly urge our pastors to keep the needs of our various institutions of mercy, and of the great need of deaconesses, prominently before their respective congregations, and urge that substantial support be given to this department of our Church's activity.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Most commendable progress has been made during the past year. Results justify the statement, that no mission work in the entire church has been more richly blessed. Mission activity and general interest are evidently increasing. We look hopefully toward the future.

Through the co-operation of the Chicago Seminary, by means of the Student Help Fund, we are enabled to do a most economical and extensive mission work, and through the interest and substantial assistance of the General Council Home Mission Board, we believe there are good prospects of our territory being cultivated in a measure proportionate to its needs and importance.

A Review of the Work of the Year.

The meetings of the Committee have been well attended, and the work in the missions carefully supervised. The revenue has been steady and increasing, and with missionaries paid promptly and a most satisfactory financial showing, we feel confident that the Synod will approve of the work done, and plans proposed.

THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, ALEXANDRIA, IND. Rev. A. C. Petersen vacated this field July 1, to enter upon work as English Professor in a Danish college. Since Oct. 1, 1902, the congregation has been happily supplied with a regular pastor, in the person of Rev. J. C. Dietz, who was installed Feb. 8. The new and beautiful church was completed and consecrated on the same day. It is constructed of pressed brick and Indiana cut stone, and with furnishings complete and of the best, at a cost of $15,000.00, is a gift of a Philadelphia lady, through the Rev. W. J. Finck, to our Alexandria congregation, the Chicago Synod and Western mission work. We place on record our appreciation of the interested liberality of our unnamed friend, and Rev. Mr. Finck, whose zeal and self-sacrifice have been productive of so much good in our Synodical mission work. We extend to the donor the heartfelt thanks of the Chicago Synod and all friends of English mission work in the Great West.

SOUTH BEND-MISHAWAKA. Two new churches and a parsonage, are the material evidences of progress which have rendered necessary the division of this prosperous work. Rev. Wm. Eckert has been returned to his original field in South Bend, and Rev. M. E. Boulton has been in charge of Mishawaka since May 1, 1903.

At South Bend a church was purchased and moved to the lot owned by the congregation. It is a neat and churchly frame building, and has been remodeled and refitted, and is practically a new church, costing $2,700.00. It was consecrated Dec. 28, and is the home of a congregation of earnest people who assure us that with their pastor giving his entire time to their work, the day is not far distant when they will reach the point of self-support.

The Mishawaka congregation has, during the year, completed a modern eight room parsonage, and has erected a fine church and chapel out of pressed brick and stone, the latter having been consecrated April 19. The interior of the main church will be completed at an early day. The property as it now stands, represents an outlay of $10,350.00. and when finished, will be worth not less than $15,000.00 The interested activity of Rev. Wm. Eckert, the large hearted liberality of Messrs. J. F. Eberlein and Oscar Miller, and the consecrated zeal of a very earnest band of women, made such wonderful results possible in so short a time. The mission is in earnest, and promises that notwithstanding the heavy expenses of church erection, it will not long remain on our funds.

ZION'S, LAFAYETTE, IND. Students E. P. Conrad and A. J. Stirewalt have supplied during the year. Mr. John Knauer of the Seminary, will spend the summer in canvassing and developing this field, which, it is hoped, can be speedily brought to the point of securing a permanent missionary, without which we cannot look for any rapid development.

WAUKEGAN, ILL. This work has not developed satisfactorily, although trained and energetic students have been in charge. viz. L. P. Pence and T. A. Schoenberg. Temporary care is given by Mr. H. F. Obenauf of the Seminary, until the committee can complete plans for connecting the mission with other work, and insure the permanency of English services in Waukegan.

ST. PETER'S, CHICAGO. Substantial progress has been made during the year, and a most praiseworthy effort has been started to reduce the congregation's debt, beginning most commendably with the non-interest-bearing loan from the Church Extension Society. As an evidence of appreciation of the pastor, Rev. H. B. Reed having declined, at a personal sacrifice, a very flattering and unsolicited call to an important field, the congregation has voluntarily voted him a well deserved and substantial increase in salary. The development here is healthy and hopeful.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CHICAGO. The resignation of Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, the first regular pastor of this mission was reluctantly accepted. Having been urged to accept an unanimous call to Goshen, Ind., he vacated St. Matthew's April 30. Mr. Paul J. Gerberding was unanimously called as his successor and took charge May 1, thus happily avoiding any vacancy, so detrimental to a city mission. The

congregation has cancelled its mortgage, and now has only $350.00 floating debt. It has also increased its contributions towards the support of the pastor. We look for immediate and substantial development in this field.

ST. JAMES', CHICAGO, has lost its pastor, Rev. Prof. Frederick, who on account of his wife's health, has been compelled to locate in California. Mr. L. W. Steckel who supplied during the past summer, has had charge during the year, and is now taking care of the field. The congregation has taken advantage of an excellent offer, and sold its lot, and is now negotiating for a much more favorable location, and looks forward to the early securing of a permanent church home.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, ENGLEWOOD. Through the efforts of St. John's S. S. and Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, a new mission has been started on the South Side. The School has an enrollment of 96, and the morning services, which have been in charge of students Gerberding and Voegtly, have been attended by an average of 20. The mission is located in a new and growing part of the city, which contains an abundance of ungathered material. The Congregation was organized June 7, with 22 charter members, and will be received into Synod at this meeting. Mr. L. P. Pence, a graduate of the seminary, is energetically working this field, which ought very soon to develop into a flourishing English congregation.

The General Council's Work in our Territory.

We rejoice to note the evident appreciation by the General Council, of the importance and urgent necessity of the work in the Middle West. The Council has aided four missions on our territory during the past year, viz. First English, Decatur, Ill., St. John's, Anderson, Ind., St. John's and St. Luke's, Chicago. The first named became self-sustaining Jan. 1. A new field has unexpectedly opened an entirely new district to the General Council and the Chicago Synod, through the application of St. Paul's church, Detroit, Mich., to the former for aid and to us for membership. The aid has been granted, and we rejoice that another door for enlarged opportunity is presented to us.

But undoubtedly the most significant advance in Western Mission Work during the year, was the placing of a Field Secretary upon the field, in the person of our former very efficient and energetic Mission Director, Rev. A. C. Anda. The first fruits of his labors is the Church of the Holy Trinity, Elgin, Ill. This congregation with its pastor,

Paul W. Roth, will be received at this meeting of the Synod, a self-supporting parish. It is the result of the wisdom and energy of Rev. Mr. Anda, aided by Mr. Roth and W. P. Christy, and has been developed in the short space of seven months. What latent possibilities for English mission work there are! It is largely a question of men, and an adequate Extension Fund to provide churches, that is limiting the number of similar vigorous young English congregations which might be started by the score. Is not the time at hand when a systematic effort should be made to raise a large Church Extension Fund to be used in aiding our young mission congregations to secure church homes? Given a local habitation as well as a name, they will have the confidence and support of the community to an extent not otherwise enjoyed.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Missions.	Souls.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	S. S.	Property.	Debt.	Income.	Benevolence.	Approp'n. Given '02-3	Asked '03-4.
St. Peter's, Chicago.	400	112	21	10	244	$5,100	$2,000	$ 775	$75.41	$250	$200
St. Matthew's, Chicago.	240	89	27	9	146	2,100	350	1,175	50.63	250	240
St. James', Chicago.	260	27	13	1	250	800		489	18.93	100	125
Atonement, Chicago.	96				96			80		10	300
Our Saviour, Alexandria, Ind.	79	41	21	4	41	15,000		346	15.00	240	300
First Church, Mishawaka, Ind.	81	33	6	2	52	10,300		10,356	14.36	100	150
Holy Trinity, South Bend, Ind.	108	54	8		69	2,700	900	1,386	5.00	100	200
Zion's, Lafayette, Ind.	37	23	7		25			162	5.65	181	300
Waukegan, Illinois.	40	12		5	32			75		60	
9 Missions	1341	391	103	31	959	36,000	3,250	24,845	184.98		

The Synod therefore has supported nine missions the past year, in addition, paying $104.50 interest for St. Luke's (G. C.) Mission. There have been working under the direction of its committee, five ordained, and eight student missionaries, a total of thirteen. This missionary work has cost, including interest and incidentals, $1.526.66, an average of $169.63 per mission and $117.44 per missionary.

Including Elgin, the General Council has had under its care five fields. (Elgin begins self-supporting, but was aided to the extent of having the services of the Field Secretary). In these missions there are 1,034 souls, 444 being Communicants. The accessions were 141, losses 12, net gain 129. Property value, $31,500. Income, $5,486.37.

To summarize, there are on the territory of the Synod, 14 missions, in which during the year, ten ordained and ten unordained missionaries have labored. In these missions there are 2,375 souls, 835 communicants, and 1,559 enrolled in the Sunday Schools. Net gain in communicants, 201. Property value, $67,500.00. Indebtedness, $12,150.00 Income for the year, $30,333.00.

Of the five churches consecrated during the year, four were in mission congregations. These churches with their lots, representing a property valuation of $35,000.00, are without exception a credit to our Synod, and monuments to the zeal, consecration, and self-sacrifice of those interested in the work. They speak for themselves.

Open Doors, New Fields, and Our Opportunities.

Requests to take up work at half a score of new points, have at various times been presented to your committee during the year. We are convinced that every one is the open door to a prosperous mission, and that if we had the neccessary funds to found the missions, that they could rapidly be developed at a minimum of expense into flourishing congregations. Every month of delay is a loss of opportunities, and means an increase in the ultimate cost of doing that which God has laid upon us to perform. Shall we have faith as a Missionary Synod, and enlarge our work to include these important points?

We can do this, if we get rid of that idea, that our apportionment is a tax, which, reluctantly paid, is the full measure of our duty, and recognize in it the minimum of what the church judges to be our proper proportion of the privilege of doing the Lord's work. Let us meet it promptly and fully, and cheerfully second every additional effort of our authorized representatives, to enlarge the church's benevolent operations.

We can undertake this larger work, if there are a thousand persons in the two great states of Illinois and Indiana. who will give two cents a week to sustain it. Will not this additional revenue be forthcoming for extending the most economical and hopeful mission work in the Lutheran Church in America to-day? The people have it. Will they give it? Special contributions should be sent to the treasurer, Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, 167 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

Special aid and encouragement would be the result of favorable answers to any of the following requests, all of which represent important phases and necessities of our mission work.

1. Will you not aid in securing and holding lots for new mission points? This can be done either by direct gift, or a loan without interest. It is the first difficult problem to solve in the planting of a new mission.

2. Will you not do as the friend from Philadelphia did at Alexandria, erect for some mission a memorial church? If done according to the plans of the Synod's committee, it will become a memorial ever repeating itself to the continual blessing of our missionary operations. Far better to have your monument in the church yard than in the grave yard!

3. Will not some individual,or congregation,undertake the founding of some special mission? We believe that a guaranteed fixed sum for a limited time, would result most satisfactorily, in bringing to economical and speedy self-support, our new enterprises. This method would also quicken and deepen the interest of the supporters of the work, who would know exactly where their money was invested, and what were the returns on the investment.

Our work must be more direct, intense and on a larger scale, if we hope in any degree to measure up in our accomplishments, to the importance, and the necessities of the great and fruitful field which God has given us to cultivate.

Recommendations.

We respectfully recommend the following appropriations for the next Synodical year:

1. St. Peter's, Chicago..... $200.00
2. St. Matthew's, Chicago..... $240.00
3. Trinity, South Bend..... 200.00
4. First Church, Mishawaka..... 150.00
5. St. James', Chicago, (for vacation months)..... 125.00

(The committee is authorized to give $300.00 per year to St. James' Mission Chicago, as soon as an ordained pastor is placed in the field).

6. Church of Our Saviour, Alexandria, Ind..... 300.00
7. Church of the Atonement, Chicago..... 300.00
8. St. Luke's, Chicago, for Interest..... 104.50
(Synod agrees to pay the interest for two years longer for St. Luke's, Chicago).

9. We urge upon the parishes, the advisability of holding regular missionary services, and that so far as practicable, annual mission festivals be held.

10. Resolved, that in case the Syracuse parish is divided, $100.00 be appropriated to the Syracuse end of the parish.

11. Resolved, that the Rev. M. L. Wagner, be requested to investigate the Olney field, with a view to establishing a mission, and to report to the Mission Director; and that if the prospects are favorable, $150.00 be appropriated for that work.

12. That the continuanee of the Lafayette Mission, be left to the Director of the Mission Committee, with authority to expend not to exceed $300.00.

13. We recommend that no appropriation be made to Waukegan, Ill., because arrangements are now being made for the care of that field, through one of the resident pastors.

14. Resolved, that Synod appropriate $2,300.00 to the disposal of the Mission Committee, for the ensuing Synodical year.

Annual Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Committee of the Chicago Synod.

From June 4, 1902, to June 10, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last year's report	$ 60 26
From I. Whitman, Treasurer of Synod	1622 73
" Northern Indiana Synod, account Portland	300 00
" Special Fund Accounts	225 17
Total	$2208 16

EXPENDITURES.

To St. Peter's, Chicago, May 1, 1902 to May 1, 1903	$ 250 00
" St. Matthew's " May 1, 1902 to May 1, 1903	250 00
" St. James' " May 1, 1902 to Oct. 1, 1902	100 00
" St. Luke's " Interest on Church Mortgage	104 50
" Atonement " Special Account	10 00
" Waukegan, Ill., June 1, 1902 to Oct. 1, 1902	60 00
" Alexandria, Ind., May 1, 1902 to May 1, 1903	239 87
" South Bend, " May 1, 1902 to May 1, 1903	200 00
" Lafayette, " May 1, 1902 to May 1, 1903	181 50
" Current expense, Interest, Postage, Supplies, Printing. and Traveling Expenses of Committee	131 29
Total expense	$1527 16
" Johnson Chair Co., Paid Loan in full	500 00
Total Paid Out	$2027 16
Balance Cash on hand	181 00
Total	$2208 16
1902 Appropriation called for	$1600 00
Deficit on last year's report	522 04
Total	$2122 04
Amount received from Treasurer of Synod	1622 73
Deficit	$ 499 31

Respectfully submitted, C. T. A. ANDERSON,
Treasurer.

The Report was received, and considered by items. The Report of the Treasurer, of the Home Mission Committee was referred to the Auditing Committee, and adoption of the Report as a whole was deferred until the Auditing Committee should make its Report on the Treasurer's Accounts.

Adjourned at 11:40, with prayer, led by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

FAIRHAVEN CHURCH, Near Mulberry, Ind.

June 12, 1903, 2 p. m.

The Devotions were conducted by Rev. G. F. Dittmar.

The roll was called. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Report of the Auditing Committee on Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee, would respectfully report, that we have carefully compared the items of the Report, with the cash book, accounts and vouchers, and find the Report correct.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

After the adoption of this Report of the Auditing Committee, the Report of the Home Mission Committee, offered at the previous session was adopted as a whole.

The Auditing Committee reported on the Report of the Treasurer of Synod. The Report was referred back to the Committee.

Mr. L. P. Pence, having sustained a satisfactory examination, was at this point introduced as a Candidate for ordination, by the President of the Examining Committee, and was welcomed by the President of Synod.

Rev. G. F. Dittmar read his paper on "The Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School."

The discussion of the above paper was opened by Rev. P. C. Wike. The discussion was closed at 4:25 o'clock, and the business of Synod was resumed. The hour of adjournment was extended to 5:30.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee respectfully recommends:

1. That Synod approve the official acts of the President.
2. That the attention of our parishes be called to the President's suggestion, relative to providing more generally for parsonages.
3. That the division of the Southern conference be deferred, until said conference shall have taken the initiative.
4. That in view of the proposed change in the organization of the English Home Mission interests of the General Council, the change in the mode of electing the Missionary Director be deferred.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was considered by items, and was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Educational Institution was presented. The Report was tabled, to be taken up, and made the first order of business Saturday morning.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, beg leave to report:

1. That we have carefully compared the items of the Report, with the cash book, accounts and vouchers, and find the Report correct.
2. In regard to the recommendation of the Treasurer, that all delinquencies be cancelled, we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Parochial reports and apportionments.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received, considered by items, and adopted.

Synod adjourned at 5 o'clock. The Benediction was pronounced by the President.

SIXTH SESSION.

ZION'S CHURCH, Mulberry, Ind.
Sat., June 13, 1903, 8 a. m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. M. E. Boulton.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The Chairman of the Committee on Educational Institution, not being present at the hour of opening, the special order for the morning was set aside, and the Report of the Committee on Protocol, and Minutes of the Previous Convention was heard.

Report of Committee on Protocol, and Minutes of Previous Convention.

1. Your Committee has examined the Protocol of the 32d Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod, held at Nappanee, and finds it correct.

2. On page 46 of the Minutes, we find that the term of A. G. Webber, Esq., of Decatur, Ill., as Trustee. expires in 1903, and we call the attention of Synod to the necessity of electing a Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Educational Institution was taken up. The Report was referred back to the Committee.

The following set of resolutions, offered by the Rev. M. L. Wagner, was adopted, to go into effect after the Report of the Committee on Educational Instituion, shall have been adopted at this Convention.

WHEREAS, this Synod has heard with great pleasure, the gratifying results of the work of the "Colburn Academy," during the past year, and desiring to foster the Institution by giving to the Institution its moral support, this Synod would adopt the following as the expression, and definition of its relation to the said Institution.

1. That Synod nominate a Board of Directors, or Trustees, composed of five clergymen, and four laymen, who are members of this Synod; which Board shall become a Corporate Body, which shall be self perpetuating, and which shall own, control, and manage the Institution.

2. That the doctrinal basis and religious instruction in the Institution, shall be in harmony with the doctrinal basis of this Synod.

3. That this Board of Directors, shall annually report to Synod, the condition, progress, and work of the Institution for the information of Synod.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education would respectfully report:

1. During the past year, aid was granted to Andrew M. Sappenfield, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; Oliver O. Yung, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans.; Sylvester L. Boger, Lima College, Lima, Ohio.

The report of the work done, and the behavior of each beneficiary, are entirely satisfactory.

2. We recommend the following aid to be extended during the ensuing year:

Andrew M. Sappenfield (at discretion of the Committee)	$100
Oliver O. Yung	100
Calvin Brewer (at discretion of the Committee)	100
Sylvester L. Boger	100
Total appropriation recommended	$400

3. The aid voted to Howard E. Snyder at the last convention was not given, because of his not attending during the year, any of our educational institutions.

Calin Brewer did not request the help of Synod, but by employment secured in Greenville, supported himself. The change in Thiel College, necessitates his application for aid the ensuing year.

We recommend that diligent search be continued for men from our territory, to prepare themselves for the ministry. The demand for more laborers increases. THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received, considered by items and adopted.

The Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments made its Report. While under consideration, the time for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned at 11.45 o'clock a. m. to meet at 7.00 o'clock p. m.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

ZION'S CHURCH, Mulberry, Ind.
Sat., June 13, 1903, 7 p. m.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Reed. The roll was called. The minutes of the morning session was read and adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments, which was before Synod at the close of the previous session, was resumed.

The Report was adopted as here follows:

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments.

1. We recommend, that all those congregations which will pay their apportionment for the years ending 1903, 1904 and 1905, be excused for all deficits of the past.

2. We herewith submit the tabulated statistical reports for the past year. This report shows an increase in membership of 432 over all losses. (See appendix).

3. We have made the following apportionments for the year 1903-1904. (See table, Page 46).

4. We recommend, that beginning with next year, the apportionment be based upon the number who "communed during the year."

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

APPORTIONMENTS 1903-1904.

Parishes and Pastors.	Congregations	Synodical Home Miss'ns	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Total
Alexandria, Rev. J. C. Dietz	Our Saviour	18 90	2 10	2 94	1 26	25 20
Anderson. Rev. William J. Finck	St. John's	47 50	5 22	8 54	3 80	65 06
	Mt. Zion's	15 00	1 65	2 70	1 20	20 55
Chicago, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.	Holy Trinity	132 50	14 57	23 85	10 60	181 52
Rev. A. D. Crile	Wicker Park	175 50	19 30	31 59	14 04	240 43
Rev. Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's	33 50	3 68	6 03	2 68	45 89
L. W. Steckel (supply)	St. James'	18 90	2 10	2 94	1 26	25 20
Rev. P. J. Gerberding	St. Matthew's	40 05	4 45	6 23	2 67	53 40
Rev. H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	48 40	5 60	7 84	3 36	65 20
Rev. M. E. Haberland	St. Luke's	29 25	3 25	4 50	1 95	38 95
Rev. J. R. E. Hunt	St. John's	51 50	5 66	9 27	4 12	70 55
Rev. L. P. Pence	Atonement	10 80	1 20	1 68	72	14 40
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	St. James'	62 50	6 90	11 25	5 00	85 65
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wike	St. John's	35 00	3 85	6 30	2 80	47 95
	Zion's	30 00	3 30	5 40	2 40	41 10
	Bethel	19 00	2 09	3 32	1 52	25 93
Corydon, Rev. J. V. Sappenfield	Mt. Solomon	66 00	7 26	11 88	5 28	90 42
Decatur, Rev. H. Peters	First English	51 00	5 61	9 18	4 08	69 87
Detroit, Rev. J. A. Miller	St. Paul's	18 90	2 10	2 94	1 26	25 20
E. Germantown, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh (supply)	Zion's	18 50	2 03	3 33	1 48	25 34
	St. Jacob's	17 00	1 87	3 06	1 34	23 27
	St. John's	18 00	1 98	3 24	1 44	24 66
Elgin, Rev. Paul W. Roth	Holy Trinity	33 75	3 75	5 25	2 25	45 00
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S Wagenhals, D.D.	Holy Trinity	334 50	36 80	60 21	26 76	458 27
Frankfort, Rev. H. K. Lantz	St. Paul's	51 50	5 66	9 27	4 12	70 55
Gila, Rev. M. L. Wagner (supply)	Union	65 00	7 25	11 70	5 20	89 15
Goshen, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	First English.	92 50	10 17	16 65	7 40	126 72
Hicksville, Rev. L. Hogshead	St. John's	30 00	3 30	5 40	2 40	41 10
	Lost Creek	35 00	3 85	6 30	2 80	47 95
	Zion's	14 00	1 54	2 52	1 12	19 18
Lafayette (supplied)	Zion's	10 35	1 15	1 61	69	13 80
Mishawaka, Rev. M. E. Boulton	First English	13 95	1 55	2 17	93	18 60
Mulberry, Rev. W. J. Seiberling	Zion's	65 00	7 15	11 70	5 20	89 05
	Fairhaven	57 50	6 31	10 35	4 60	78 76
Newberry, Rev. A. L. Boliek	St. Peter's	22 50	2 52	4 05	1 80	30 87
	Mt. Zion's	26 00	2 86	4 68	2 09	35 63
Rochester, Rev. G. F. Dittmar	St. Paul's	41 00	4 51	7 38	3 28	56 17
	St. John's	14 00	1 54	2 52	1 12	19 18
South Bend, Rev. Wm. Eckert	Holy Trinity	26 55	2 95	4 13	1 77	35 40
Syracuse, Rev. S. D. Myers	St. Paul's	15 00	1 65	2 70	1 20	20 55
	Emmanuel	30 00	3 30	5 40	2 40	41 10
	Syracuse	11 00	1 21	1 98	88	15 07
	St. John's	18 00	1 98	3 24	1 44	24 66
Vandalia, (vacant)	St. James'	53 00	6 83	9 54	4 24	73 61
Wallace. Rev. I. Whitman	Phanuel	46 50	5 12	8 37	3 72	63 71
	Emmanuel	14 50	1 59	2 61	1 16	19 86
	Philadelp'ia	11 50	1 26	3 17	92	16 85
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese	Union	8 50	93	1 53	68	11 64
	Salem's	55 50	6 11	9 99	4 44	76 04
	St. Mark's	68 50	7 53	12 33	5 48	93 84
	St. James'	50 00	5 50	9 00	4 00	68 50
Total Amount Apportioned		2272 80	251 64	403 76	178 35	3106 55
Total Amount Appropriated		2300 00	250 00	400 00	175 00	3125 00

Report of Committee on Educational Institution.

In accordance with the instructions given at the last meeting of Synod, your Committee continued its work of paying for and equipping, the building purchased in January, 1902, for the purpose of opening an Academic School. The success met with was such, that they were able to open the school, September 8, and continue it for a period of eight months, closing May 6. The number of students enrolled was twenty-three, mostly in the High School grades, and the average attendance for the year was eighteen. The school was under the care of Prof. G. M. Moser, who deserves our thanks, not only for the work he has done, but also for the sacrifices he has made, in its behalf. We most heartily indorse his work. The income of the school for the past year, was $225.00. The receipts of the Committee for the year, ending June 8, 1903, were $365.96, and the expenditures $335.70, leaving a balance in the treasury of $30.26.

We recommend, in agreement with the action of Synod, establishing the relationship of Synod to the proposed Academy, that the formulation of the Constitution and By-Laws, be left to the Board of Directors, to be elected under this action of Synod, to be submitted for approval, at the next Convention.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as above.

The consideration of the proposed plan for "Unification of English Mission work," was made the first order for Monday morning.

The following Resolution, offered by Dr. G. H. Gerberding was adopted.

Resolved, that we as a Synod, do hereby most earnestly request the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, to complete the Life of the Sainted. Rev. Dr. Chas. P. Krauth, and have it published as speedily as possible.

Election of Trustees.

Under Election of Trustees, the term of A. G. Webber, Esq. having expired, he was re-elected, as a Trustee of the Chicago Synod, for a period of three years, making the list of Trustees as follows:

Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, term expires 1904;
Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, Chicago, term expires 1905;
A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Illinois, term expires 1906.

Election of Delegates to the Meeting of the General Council.

The President appointed the following brethren as tellers:

Rev. A. L. Boliek, Messrs. L. W. Steckel, Wm. F. Klus. The Election resulted as follows:

Clerical Primarii—Rev. H. Peters, Ex-officio, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Rev. L. Hogshead.

Clerical Secundi—Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Rev. M. L. Wagner.

Lay Primarii—H. S. K. Bartholomew, Robert Erickson, George Perschbacher, .

Lay Secundi—C. T. A. Anderson, J. Otto Hoereth, M. L. Deck.

By vote of Synod, the President was instructed to appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, whose duty it would be to nominate a Board of Directors for the Colburn Academy. The President appointed the following brethren: Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Rev. A. D. Crile, Mr. M. L. Deck.

The Committee reported that it had nominated the following for members of the Board of Directors:

Clerical—Revs. I. Whitman, W. J. Seiberling, H. K. Lantz, Wm. J. Finck P. C. Wike.

Lay—Messrs. George Rorabaugh, O. J. Mennen, Wm. Brewer, John Cook.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., was re-elected "Keeper of the Archives."

Resolution of Thanks.

The President of Synod was instructed to extend the thanks of the Chicago Synod, to the Pastor and Members of the Mulberry parish, at the Services Sunday evening, for their kind hospitality in entertaining Synod.

Report of the Keeper of the Archives.

The Keeper of the Archives would report, that he received a package of documents from the Secretary of Synod, and also a large box from the Stirewalt family. These documents will be carefully preserved in the library of the Seminary.

G. H. GERBERDING.

The Report was adopted.

Synod adjourned at 10:10 o'clock, to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION.

ZION'S CHURCH, Mulberry, Ind.
June 15, 1903, 8 a. m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Jno. V. Sappenfield. The roll call was dispensed with. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

In consideration of the proposed plan for "Unification of English Mission Work," Synod reaffirmed its action taken at Nappanee, Ind., in 1902, to wit:—

Resolved, that we regret that on account of the very partial acceptance of the principles of the centralization of missions throughout the Synods of the General Council, it has been impossible on both sides to carry out the agreement made in 1892 between the General Council and the Chicago Synod, then the Indiana Synod, but that we stand ready at this time, to express our complete approval of those principles, and assert our willingness to co-operate in their application, just as soon as a sufficient number of General Council Synods are ready to take a similar step.

Voted that the Chicago Synod recommend the following change in the above proposed plan:

"That the Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions, instead of the President of Synod, be ex-officio, a member of the General Council Home Mission Board."

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committee on Absentees wishes to submit the following Report:

1. We have heard the excuse of the Rev. A. D. Crile. for his absence of sessions at this Synod, prior to Friday morning.

2. The following brethren have explained the necessity of their absence at Synod after Friday evening, Rev. J. A. Miller, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., Rev. J. C. Dietz, Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, Rev. M. E. Haberland, Rev. Z. M. Corbet, Mr. Robert Erickson, Mr. Geo. A. A. Dieckmann. Rev. A. C. Anda gave excuse for absence Saturday. Rev. P. C. Wike wished to be excused Sunday. Revs. M. E. Boulton and Geo. F. Dittmar gave reasons for absence after Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Boliek gave reasons for absence Saturday. Mr. P. J. Brock and Mr. Ed. C. Bartholomew gave reasons for their absence Monday.

Your Committee recommends that these brethren be excused.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to have 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed.

Voted that the names of the Congregations at Crisman and Portland, Ind., be no longer carried on our "Roll of Congregations," owing to changes made with the cognizance of the Chicago Synod.

The Secretary reported that the brethren received at this convention of Synod, as well as those ordained on Sunday morning, had signed the Constitution.

Rev. M. L. Wagner reported progress in his work of compiling a History of the Indiana Synod.

His Report was received, and he continued in his work.

The President appointed the Standing Special and Committees as follows:

Standing Committees.

Examination—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., G. H. Gerberding, D.D., M. L. Wagner, A. D. Crile, J. R. E. Hunt.

Home Missions—Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., A. C. Anda, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., P. C. Wike, L.Hogshead; Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, J. Otto Hoereth, Prof. S. R. Meck, George Roth.

Foreign Missions—Revs. Geo. P. Kabele, S. D. Myers; Mr. E. P. Troxel.

Education—Revs. A. D. Crile, H. B. Reed; Mr. M. L. Deck.

Benevolence—Revs. M. L. Wagner, A. L. Boliek; Mr. Geo. A. A. Dieckmann.

Discipline—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, S. Wagenhals, D.D., G. F. Dittmar, W. J. Seiberling, H. K. Lantz.

Reception of Congregations—Revs. Z. M. Corbet, M. E. Haberland; Mr. Thos. Sowers.

Parochial Reports and Apportionments—Revs. Wm. Eckert, I. Whitman, M. E. Boulton; Messrs. E. C. Bartholomew, M. Rudisill.

Special Committees.

Synodical Paper—Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Geo. P. Kabele, W. J. Finck; Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, H. S. K. Bartholomew, Karl A. Wernle.

Board of Directors, Colburn Academy (nominated by Synod)—Revs. I. Whitman, W. J. Seiberling, H. K. Lantz, Wm. J. Finck, P. C.Wike; Messrs. Geo. Rorabaugh, O. J. Mennen, Wm. Brewer, John Cook.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

Synod voted to adjourn this Convention at 9 a. m.

Then, after singing Hymn 274 in the Church Book, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," the Thirty-third Convention was brought to a close, according to the prescribed order in the Church Book.

HARRY B. REED,
Secretary.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

AND ADDRESSES.

WEDNESDAY MORNING: **Opening Services—**
Liturgical Services by the Secretary and Treasurer.
Synodical Sermon by the President, based on II. Kings, 6:17.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—
Paper by Rev. Wm. J. Finck, "The Inner Call to the Ministry."
Discussion opened by Rev. G. H. Gerberding D. D.

WEDNESDAY EVENING: **Foreign Missions—**
Services in charge of Rev. G. P. Kabele.
Addresses by Revs. G. H. Gerberding. D.D., and M. E. Boulton.
Offerings for Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—
Paper by Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, "The Error of Universalism."
Discussion opened by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.

THURSDAY EVENING: **Education—**
Services in charge of Rev. S. D. Myers.
Addresses by Revs. Geo. P. Kabele and H. B. Reed.
Offerings for Educational Work.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—
Paper by Rev. Geo. F. Dittmar, "The Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School."
Discussion opened by Rev. P. C. Wike.

FRIDAY EVENING: **Benevolence—**
Services in charge of Rev. M. L. Wagner.
Addresses by Revs. Wm. Eckert and A. L. Boliek.
Offerings for Benevolent Institutions.

SUNDAY MORNING: **Sunday School—**
Services in charge of the Superintendent.
Addresses by Revs. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., and W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., A. C. Anda, and Mr. C. T. A. Anderson.

ORDINATION—Services in charge of Officers of Synod; Ordination Sermon by Rev. I. Whitman; Candidates ordained, Paul W. Roth, Paul J. Gerberding, L. P. Pence.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: **Memorial Services—**
To Revs. Jno. Good and M. J. Stirewalt, D. D.
Addresses by Revs. M. L. Wagner and J. M. G. Sappenfield.

SUNDAY EVENING: **Home Missions—**
Services in charge of Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.
Addresses by Revs. A. C. Anda and L. Hogshead.
Offerings for Home Missions.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS.

NAME	PARISH	LOCATION
Holy Trinity...	Holy Trinity.....	..... La Salle av. and Elm st., Chicago
Wicker Park ..	Wicker Park.....	.....N. Hoyne av. and Le Moyne st., Chicago
St. John's.....	Englewood	..... Indiana av. S. of Sixty-first st., Chicago
St. Mark's.....	Lake View.....	.....Clark st. and Addison av., Chicago
St. Peter's.....	Humboldt Park....	.....Spaulding av. and Le Moyne st., Chicago
St. Matthew's .	Mandell	. Flournoy st., near Forty-seventh av., Chicago
St. James'	Avondale	Kimbell Hall, Hayes st., nr. Kimbell, Chicago
St. Luke's	Logan Square	..... Francisco and Mariana aves., Chicago
Atonement	Englewood	.....Sixty-ninth st., Chicago
St. James'	Vandalia	..... Vandalia, Illinois
First English ..	Decatur	...N. Main and William sts., Decatur, Illinois
St. James'	Claremont.....	.....Claremont, Richland county, Illinois
Union	Gila	..... Gila, Illinois
Holy Trinity...	Elgin	..... Elgin, Illinois
Holy Trinity...	Fort Wayne	..Wayne and Clinton sts., Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Holy Trinity...	South Bend.....	.....South Bend, Indiana
First English ..	Mishawaka	..... Mishawaka, Indiana
First English ..	Goshen	..... Goshen, Indiana
Zion's	Lafayette	..... Lafayette, Indiana
St. Mark's.....	Whitestown	.....Whitestown, Indiana
St. James'	Whitestown	Near Darlington, Montgomery county, Indiana
Salem	Whitestown	.....New Augusta, Indiana
Union	Whitestown	.....East of Whitestown, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Syracuse	.....Benton, Elkhart county, Indiana
Emmanuel	Syracuse	S. W. of Nappanee, Kosciusko county, Indiana
Syracuse	Syracuse	.....Syracuse, Kosciusko county, Indiana
St. John's.....	Syracuse	.....Nappanee, Indiana
Emmanuel	Wallace	.....Near Hillsboro, Fountain county, Indiana
Phanuel	Wallace	.....Near Alamo, Fountain county, Indiana
Philadelphia ..	Wallace	.....Near Milligan, Parke county, Indiana
St. John's.....	Colburn	... . Near Owasco, Carroll county, Indiana
Zion's	Colburn	.....Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Bethel	Colburn	.....Pettit, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Zion's	E. Germantown ...	...East Germantown, Wayne, county, Indiana
St. John's.....	E. Germantown ...	.....Middletown, Henry county, Indiana
St. Jacob's.....	E. Germantown ...	.....Millville, Henry county, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Rochester	.....Tiosa, Fulton county, Indiana
St. John's.....	Rochester	..... Bruce Lake, Fulton county, Indiana
Zion's	Mulberry	.....Mulberry, Indiana
Fairhaven	Mulberry	.....Near Mulberry, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Frankfort.....	..... Frankfort, Indiana
Our Saviour ...	Alexandria	.....Alexandria, Indiana
St. John's.....	Anderson	..... Anderson, Indiana
Mt. Zion's	Anderson	.....Ovid, Madison county, Indiana
St. Peter's	Newberry	.....Newberry, Greene county, Indiana
Mt. Zion's	Newberry	..... Monroe City, Knox county, Indiana
Mt. Solomon ..	Corydon	.....Near Corydon, Indiana
Zion's	Hicksville	.....Hall's Corner, Allen county, Indiana
St. John's	Hicksville	.....Hicksville, Ohio
Lost Creek	Hicksville	..... North of Hicksville, Ohio
St. Paul's.....	Detroit	Cor. 16th st. and Stanley av., Detroit, Michigan

Rev. John Good.

The Subject of this sketch was born of Christian parents in Eastern Tennessee in 1823. He was baptized in infancy, and in early manhood was catechised and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We know very little of his earlier life. He grew up under the rigid Lutheran preaching of the Henkels and their co-workers, and imbibed many of their ideas, as to missionary and educational work.

His literary advantages were very limited, yet under the spell of the controversies that raged during those years, he availed himself of every opportunity to master the doctrines of his Church. He was a close student of the Confessions, and of the Scriptures, and was a great admirer of the publications of the Henkels.

In early life he moved to Boone Co., Indiana. Here under the influence of Rev. E. S. Henkel, he determined to prepare for the Gospel Ministry.

In 1848 he was recognized by the Synod of Indiana, as a Student of Theology, and was licensed to exhort and catechise in October of that year. The next year he was ordained to the office of Deacon, and served several congregations as an assistant to Rev. E. Rudisill, and during this period, he received special Theological instruction from Revs. E. S. Henkel and E. Rudisill.

On September 25th, 1850, he was ordained Pastor, and served a number of congregations in Indiana in that capacity, until 1856, when he removed to Iowa. There he labored in connection with his brother, Rev. Christian Good, in the capacity of a missionary among the scattered members of our Church. In 1859 he was present at the last convention of the Synod of Indiana, and after the dissolution of that body, he at once issued a call to the ministers and delegates present, to convene the next day, for the purpose of organizing a new Synod. This convention was held, and the Union Synod was formally organized. He remained in Iowa until 1881, when he removed to Whitestown, Indiana, and assumed charge of the Alimo, now Wallace parish. In 1882 he was received into this Synod. In 1890 he retired from the active duties of the ministry.

He entered into rest, June 25, 1902, aged about 79 years.

MARTIN L. WAGNER.

Rev. Miles Josephus Stirewalt, D. D.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., was descended from a family prominent in the affairs of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina and Virginia, in the early history of our Church, and also noted for their patriotism during the Revolutionary War. He was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, May 8, 1835, was baptized in infancy by Rev. John N. Stirewalt, and after a thorough course of catechetical instruction under the Rev. Timothy Moser, was duly confirmed.

His early educational advantages were very limited, and it was not until he was a grown young man, that he decided upon the ministry as his life work. He first had determined upon the avocation of a mechanic, but Providence had designed otherwise. By diligent effort, he prepared himself for entrance into William and Emory College, where he took a partial classical course, making fair progress in literature, the sciences, mathematics and the Greek, German and Latin languages. In 1857, when twenty-two years of age, he was received by the Tennessee Synod as a Student of Theology. The next year he was ordained a Deacon, and September 15th, 1859, he was ordained a pastor. During this time, his Theological studies were under the direction of Rev. Dr. Polycarp Henkel.

He served congregations in North Carolina and Tennessee during the trying times of the Civil War, and suffered much because of his Union sentiments. In 1865 he visited Indiana, and preached in a number of congregations of the Union Synod. The next year he moved to this State, locating at New Augusta. He served various parishes in the State, until his death, excepting a few years when he served as a missionary in Kansas.

In the movements that resulted in the organization of the Indiana Synod, he was a leading spirit. We cannot enter into details here, but suffice it to say, that in the diplomatic work which resulted in the union of the three Synodical elements represented, he deserves, in my humble judgment, first place. For years he labored amid great discouragements, and great was his joy when the new Synod was organized and entered upon its humble mission.

As a preacher, Dr. Stirewalt was of the Henkel type, earnest, argumentative, and clinching every proposition with copious Scripture quotations. He was plain and direct in his sermons, and eminently successful in presenting the more profound doctrines in the plain everyday language of the people. At times he became eloquent, and would hold his audience spellbound.

In private life, and in the social circle he was companionable, full of good humor and pleasant witticism, though at times there was a discoverable tinge of melancholy in his temperament. He was keenly sensitive, and nothing pained him so much as to think his motives were questioned, or if he thought his labors were not sufficiently appreciated, but these feelings he would express only to his most intimate friends.

He fell asleep in Christ, and in peace, after a lingering affliction, Sunday, February 22d, 1903, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

MARTIN L. WAGNER.

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NEXT CONVENTION,

Wednesday, June 1, 1904, 10:00 A. M.

Wallace, Fountain Co., Indiana.

REV. I. WHITMAN, PASTOR LOCI.

Directions for Reaching Wallace.

1. Those travelling on the Big Four, get off at Hillsboro.
2. Those travelling on the Vandalia, get off at Waveland.
3. Those travelling on the C. & E. I., get off at Yeddo.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT, Rev. Hiram Peters, Decatur, Ill.
SECRETARY, Rev. H. B. Reed, Chicago, Ill.
TREASURER, Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Wallace, Ind.

BENEVOLENT WORK OF SYNOD.

All Contributions made under the head of Synodical Apportionment are devoted to the following four objects:

Foreign Missions in India under control of the General Council.
Beneficiary Education in College and Seminary.
Home Missions of the Chicago Synod.
Synodical Expenses.

The following educational, charitable and missionary enterprises are earnestly commended by Synod to the prayerful consideration and liberality of all congregations:

Home Missions of the General Council and of the Chicago Synod.
Theological Seminary, No. 1311 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago.
Jewish Missions.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois.
Deaconess Work, Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.
Church Extension of the General Council.
Orphan Work, Zelienople, Pa.
Porto Rico Mission.
Academy, Colburn, Ind.

CALL FOR WORKERS.

Deaconesses. Young women, members in good and regular standing of our Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, between the ages of 18 and 40, are earnestly urged to consider the call to become Deaconesses. Widows without children, meeting the above requirements, are also eligible. Unlimited opportunities to serve the Master are offered in this call. Address.

Sister MARTHA GENSIKE,
Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.

Trained Nurses. A number of young Christian women between the ages of 20 and 35, with a good common school education, are wanted to take a two-year's course to become trained nurses. Pupil-nurses are provided with board and wash and receive four dollars a month for their services. Address:

Pass. Mem. Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

Form for Special Subscription for the Home Mission Work of Synod.

I_____ of _____, _____ do hereby agree to contribute the sum of $_____ toward the work of Home Missions in connection with the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to send the same regularly to the treasurer of the Home Mission Committee on or about the ____ of ____ of each year.

Name_____

Address_____, _____

Form of Bequest for Synodical Home Missions.

I_____ of _____ do hereby give, devise and bequeath to **The Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church**, the sum of $_____ (If real estate specify location, boundaries, character, etc.) in trust, to be used according to the best judgment of the Home Mission authorities, in the work of establishing English Home Missions of the General Council.

Form of Bequest for the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The hope is entertained that many will be disposed to make bequests for the furtherance of the objects of this Seminary. A form is herewith given:

I herewith give and bequeath to "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Illinois," the sum of $_____ (or that certain parcel and tract of Land, etc)., to be applied by the Directors to the purposes of said Seminary.

Every testator should be careful to comply with the laws of the State concerning bequests to charitable and religious purposes.

PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-FOURTH
CONVENTION

CHICAGO SYNOD

1904

WALLACE, INDIANA

Calendar
1904

August 7—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 6—Thursday 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for it's Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 17—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

November 24—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill.

November 27—First Sunday in Advent.

1905

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—Epiphany.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

March 8—Ash Wednesday, or First day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 23—Easter.

April 26—Wednesday 8:00 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

June 11—Whitsunday.

June 11—Treasurer's Account closes.

June 18—Trinity Sunday.

June 21—Wednesday 10:00 a. m., Thirty-fifth Convention of Chicago Synod, La Fayette, Indiana.

Officers of the General Council

President, Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.
Secretary, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D. D., 28 S. Seventh St., Allentown, Pa.
Treasurer, William H. Staake, Esq., 133 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent Home Missions, Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Greensburg, Pa.

MINUTES

Thirty-fourth Annual Convention

CHICAGO SYNOD

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PHANUEL CHURCH

Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana

June 1 to 5, 1904

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MINUTES

Opening Service

THE Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was held in Phanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Wallace Parish, near Wallace, Indiana, beginning June 1st, 1904, at 10:00 a. m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, the Rev. H. Peters, based on Phil. 3: 13, 14, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the Benediction, the President announced the names of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates.

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First Session

Phanuel Church, near Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana.
Wednesday, June 1, 1904, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called, and the Committee on Credentials presented the list of lay delegates.

Roll of Ministers

	Name	Ordained	Parish	Address
1	A. V. House, a. e.	1864	No Charge	Arcadia, Indiana
2	S. Wagenhals, D. D.	1868	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana
3	Prof R F Weidner, DD,LLD,ae	1873	Professor	1311 Sheffield av., Chicago
4	Hiram Peters	1873	Decatur	950 N. Main st., Decatur, Ill
5	Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.	1876	Professor	1315 Waveland av., Chicago
6	Jesse Dunn, r.	1884	No Charge	Millersburg, Ind., R. F. D.
7	Polycarp C. Wike	1886	Colburn	Colburn, Indiana
8	Wm. J. Finck	1887	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana
9	D. L. Reese, a. e.	1889	Whitestown	Lebanon, Indiana
10	W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.	1889	Holy Trinity	521 La Salle av., Chicago
11	A. L. Bolick	1891	Newberry	Newberry, Indiana
12	H. M. Martens, r.	1892	E. Germantown	E. Germantown, Indiana
13	A. C. Anda	1894	Field Secretary	787 N. Fairfield av., Chicago
14	Isaiah Whitman	1896	Wallace	Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind
15	Austin D. Crile	1897	Wicker Park	81 Le Moyne st., Chicago
16	Luther Hogshead	1897	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio
17	M. E. Boulton	1898	Mishawaka	Mishawaka, Indiana
18	George P. Kabele	1898	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana
19	Harry B. Reed	1899	St. Peter's	944 Le Moyne st., Chicago
20	Zenan M. Corbet, a.	1899	St. Mark's	1223 Addison st., Chicago
21	Alonzo H. Arbaugh	1899	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana
22	Theodore Weiskotten, r.	1900	Syracuse	Syracuse, Indiana
23	J. C. Dietz	1900	Alexandria	118 E. 6 st. Alexandria, Ind
24	George F. Dittmar	1901	Rochester	Rochester, Fulton Co., Ind
25	William Eckert	1901	South Bend	715 Rex st., South Bend, Ind
26	M. E. Haberland	1901	St. Luke's	1470 N. Francisco av., Chgo
27	Joel R. E. Hunt, a. e.	1901	St. John's	1110 E. 59th st., Chicago
28	S. D. Myers	1902	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois
29	William J. Seiberling	1902	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana
30	John V. Sappenfield	1902	Claremont	Claremont, Ill., R. F. D. 3
31	J. A. Miller, a. e.	1902	Detroit	863 Milwaukee av., Detroit
32	Paul W. Roth	1903	Elgin	434 Chicago av., Elgin, Ill.
33	Paul J. Gerberding	1903	St. Matthew's	2516 W Harrison st, Chicago
34	L. P. Pence	1903	Atonement	6936 Bishop st., Chicago
35	Elmer D. S. Boyer, r.	1904	Lafayette	Lafayette, Ind.
36	Lloyd W. Steckel, r.	1904	St. James'	1488 N. Monticello av., Chgo
37	Jno. Knauer, r.	1904	Gila and Olney	Newton, Ill., R. F. D. 4

a. Absent. e. Excused. r. Received during year.

Roll of Lay Delegates

Name	Parish	Residence
M. J. Paulson	Humboldt Park	Chicago
J. P. Nielson	Avondale	Chicago
E. Erickson	Wicker Park	Chicago
A. E. Gusterline	Logan Square	Chicago
Chas. Sager	Claremont	Claremont, Illinois
N. D. Myers, M. D.	Decatur	Decatur, Illinois
Luther Easterday	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois
Paul Myers	Gila	Gila, Illinois
August Ackermann	Elgin	Elgin, Illinois
Wm. Brewer	Colburn	R. F. D. 22, Dayton, Indiana
Brady L. Stroup	Corydon	Corydon, Indiana
Urias Bertsch	E. Germantown, R.F.D.	Cambridge City, Ind.
C. Hildebrand	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana
H. C. Sense	Lafayette	Lafayette, Indiana
W. J. Gable	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana
Jno. G. Dreiman	Newberry	Vincennes, Indiana
N. P. Altland	Syracuse	New Paris, Indiana
J. M. Livengood	Wallace	Hillsboro, Indiana
J. M. Snyder	Nappanee	Nappanee, Indiana
F. M. Smiley	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana
Geo. Perschbacher	Rochester	Rochester, Indiana
H. S. K. Bartholomew	South Bend	Warsaw, Indiana
Philip Kisabeth	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio

Applicants for the Ministry

The following students of Theology were in attendance, and were granted the privilege of the floor:

John Knauer, Newton, Illinois.
Lloyd W. Steckel, Chicago, Illinois.
Brady L. Stroup, Corydon, Indiana.

Visiting Ministers

During this convention, the following brethren were welcomed and invited to a seat and voice in its sessions:

H. M. Martens, E. Germantown, Indiana.
Theodore Weiskotten, Syracuse, Indiana.
Jesse Dunn, Millersburg, Indiana.
Elmer D. S. Boyer, Lafayette, Indiana.

The President's Report

"And the apostles and elders came together to consider of this matter." It is thus that the Sacred Record opens it's account of the first general council of the Church at Jerusalem, in the year A. D. 50. The internal and external condition of the Church was to be taken into consideration. Doctrinal and practical questions were to be discussed and settled. What was to be believed, what was to be done and what was to be left undone, occupied the deliberations of this assemblage. The spirit of this assembly of the churches was set forth in the introduction to its final decision in these words; "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." They assigned to the Divine Spirit His proper place and influence, in all their deliberations. They were anxious to know the mind of the Spirit in all things. They desired to be known and accepted as the mouth-piece of that Spirit. They endeavored to become co-workers with Him, in the building np of the Church which He had founded so auspiciously, on the day of Pentecost. They prayed for His guidance; they submitted themselves to that guidance, and they were enabled to associate themselves with Him in the final decision.

After the model and spirit of this first assembly of the churches, we are assembled again in synodical capacity, to do the work which God in His Providence has given us to do. "Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober." "Let us gird up the loins of our minds, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto us, at the revelation at Jesus Christ."

The reports from our pastors and churches, and from the various departments of our synodical work, indicate a steady progress during the year. There have been changes, some for the better and some for the worse, as we are able to judge. Ups and downs, gains and losses, entries and exits, immigration, emigration and intermigration among our pastors and people, have characterized us as a Synod as in former years. But these things on the surface of our corporate life do not check, nor destroy the advance of the tide underneath, created by the faithful preaching and teaching of the Divine Word, and the administration of the Sacraments. Just as the storms, waves and billows on the surface of the ocean, do not interfere with nor check the tides which rise from the depths of the sea, and set in irresistibly towards the shore, these tides of advance in the Church are secured

by the unfailing promise of God, that "His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that which He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He hath sent it."

Obituary

The ranks of our ministry have not remained unbroken by death. Our faithful and beloved brother, the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, whose name stands near the head of our Synodical roll, departed this life on Sunday, the 24 day of January, 1904, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 2 days. His physical system, though naturally rugged and strong, had been weakened by La Grippe, and finally yielded to an attack of pneumonia. In the presence of his entire household, on that day when otherwise he would have been in his pulpit, preaching the Word of life, he fell asleep in Christ, and was gathered to his fathers in peace. It was my privilege to attend and speak at his funeral, at Newberry, Ind., as the representative of Synod, along with the Rev. M. L. Wagner, who preached the sermon, and the Rev. A. L. Boliek, the pastor *loci* who conducted the services.

That the Synod may render its tribute to the real worth of this brother, provision for a memorial service at this convention has been made; here in the very first charge which our departed brother served, after his ordination to the ministry. The Synod will no doubt see that the proper obituary is prepared, and published in the minutes.

Ordination ad Interim

At the urgent request of our Mission Committee, backed by the recommendation of the faculty of the Seminary at Chicago, and incited by the earnest demand of our work and people at Lafayette, Ind., for the examination and ordination of Mr. Elmer D. S. Boyer, a student in residence at the Seminary, and accompanied by his own request, and a call from our mission at Lafayette—by virtue of the authority vested in me in Article 12, Section 12 of the Constitution of Synod, I called the Examining Committee together at the Seminary, on the afternoon of January 19, 1904. Mr. Boyer presented himself before the Committee in due form, for examination, as to his qualifications and fitness for entering the holy office of the Ministry. The

report of the Committee to me at the close of the meeting is as follows:—

"The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago, January 19, 1904.

By order of the President of Synod, the Examining Committee for the examination of candidates for ordination, convened for the examination of Mr. E. D. S. Boyer, with a view to his fitness for ordination. Several members of the Committee being absent, the President appointed the Rev. A. C. Anda and A. H. Arbaugh to fill the vacancies. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Anda. The Committee then proceeded to examine Mr. Boyer in the various branches of Theology, also as to his motives for entering the Ministry, and as to his Christian character. A motion was made recommending Mr. Boyer's ordination. After due deliberation the motion was carried. The Secretary was instructed to place these minutes in the hands of the President.

A. H. ARBAUGH, Secretary."

Upon this action of the Examining Committee, I authorized the ordination of Mr. Boyer. The services were held in Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, that same evening. The sermon was preached by the President of Synod. The Secretary of Synod conducted the Altar Service. The officers of Synod were, at my request assisted in the laying on of hands, by Prof. E. F. Krauss, D. D., Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D. and the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.

This action of your officers *ad interim*, under one of the emergency clauses of the Constitution, is hereby submitted to Synod for approval.

Installations

The following are the installations for the year with date, place, and by whom :

The Rev. Paul W. Roth, Holy Trinity, Elgin, Ills., June 21, 1903. The Rev. Messrs. Hunton, Gerberding, Anda, D. L. Roth.

The Rev. Paul J. Gerberding, St. Matthew's, Chicago, Ills, June 28, 1903, The President of Synod.

The Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, First English, Goshen, Ind., June 28, 1903, The President of Synod.

The Rev. E. D. S. Boyer, Zion's, Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 7, 1904. The Rev. Prof. Krauss and W. J. Seiberling.

The Rev. S. D. Myers, St. James', Vandalia, Ills., March 6, 1904, The President of the Synod.

The Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, St. Paul's, Frankfort, Ind., March 20, 1904, The President of Synod.

Resignations. Calls Accepted. Removals

Soon after the last meeting of Synod, I was informed that St. James' mission at Chicago, had accepted the resignation of Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, and I immediately sent him his dismissal to the Synod of California.

Under date of September 7, 1903, the Rev. H. K. Lantz informed me, that he had resigned the Frankfort parish, and would remove shortly within the bounds of the Pennsylvania Synod. Under date of Sept. 16, 1903, I sent him his letter of dismissal to that body.

Under date of Nov. 30, 1903, the Rev. S. D. Myers informed me, that he had resigned the Syracuse parish, and had accepted a call to Vandalia, and would enter upon his new field the first of the year.

Under date of December 28, 1903, the Rev. A. H. Arbaugh informed me, that he had taken charge of the Frankfort parish, having previously received and accepted a call therefrom.

Under date of Jan. 1, 1904, the Rev. Herbert Martens informed me, that he had arrived at East Germantown, Ind., and had preached his first sermon on that day as the newly elected pastor of the East Germantown parish. He later placed in my hands his letter of dismissal from the Pacific Synod, and applies for admission into this body.

In the latter part of February, the Rev. M. L. Wagner informed me, that he had accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church of Dayton, O., and had removed to that city. Under date of March 4, I sent him his letter of dismissal, to the District Synod of Ohio.

Under date of March 21, the Rev. T. F. Weiskotten informed me, that he had accepted a call from the Syracuse mission, and would enter upon his duties there, May 1. He has placed in my hands his dismissal from the Pittsburg Synod, and applies for admission into this Synod.

Under date of April 4, Mr. John Knauer of the Seminary, informed me, that he had received and accepted a call from the Gila parish, on the condition of his ordination at this meeting of Synod, and would enter upon his duties there as far as possible, the first of May. His application for examination and ordination is in the hands of the Examining Committee.

Under the same date, the Rev. J. V. Sappenfield informed me, that he had resigned the Corydon parish, and had accepted a call from the Claremont parish, left vacant by the death of his father, and would begin his work there the fourth Sunday in May.

Under date of May 11, the Rev. C. L. V. Dozer wrote from North East, Erie Co. Pa., asking for a letter of dismissal to the Pittsburg Synod, on the ground that he was now located within the bounds of that Synod. I granted his request.

Under date of May 9, the Rev. Geo. P. Kabele informed me, that on the day before, he had handed in his resignation of the Goshen parish, to take effect on or before August 8, 1904.

Under date of May 13, Lloyd W. Steckel informed me, that he had accepted the call of St. James' mission, Chicago, and made formal application for examination and ordination at this meeting of Synod. His application is in the hands of the Examining Committee.

Division of Charges

It gives me great pleasure to record, that a beginning has been made among our larger parishes in this respect. The division of the Syracuse parish into two separate parishes, calling for the services of two pastors instead of one, has been happily effected. The official action of the four congregations involved, is herewith submitted to Synod for its final approval. We trust that this good work, so auspiciously begun, will go on until every congregation shall enjoy the blessing of having Divine Services at least once every Sunday.

Dedication of Parsonage

St. Luke's mission of Chicago, the Rev. M. E. Haberland, pastor, has secured a comfortable parsonage during the year. The lot on which it stands was given by Mr. J. S. Hair, who also gave the lot on which the church stands. The building is a two-story brick and stone dwelling, valued apart from the lot at $4.000,00. It was

formally dedicated Jan. 17, 1904. The pastor was assisted in this unique ceremony by the Rev. Prof. Krauss of the Seminary, and the Rev. H. B. Reed, both of whom made addresses, and by the Rev. Z. M. Corbet, who conducted the Liturgical service.

Vacancies

The distressing vacancies which existed at the adjournment of Synod last year, and left in my hands, viz., Gila, East Germantown and Vandalia, have all been filled.

The resignation of the Rev. S. D. Myers of the Syracuse parish, and the simultaneous division of that charge into two parishes, have left a partial vacancy to be filled in the near future. The Syracuse part has been constituted a mission, and has called the Rev. T. F. Weiskotten of the Pittsburg Synod, who has accepted, and is on the ground, leaving the Nappanee part still vacant.

The resignation of the Rev. J. V. Sappenfield leaves the Corydon parish vacant. It is being supplied during the summer months by student Brady L. Stroup, of the Seminary at Chicago. The resignation of the Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, will leave the Goshen parish vacant after Aug. 8, 1904, unless a pastor be secured in the meantime. The unexpected death of the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield in January, left the Claremont parish vacant. But this vacancy was soon filled by the call and acceptance, of the Rev. J. V. Sappenfield as the successor of his father.

General Council

Under date of Dec. 26, 1903, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., treasurer of the General Council, informed me, that under the authority of the General Council, which had apportioned the sum of $1.800,00 among the Synods for current expenses of the Council, on the basis of the number of delegates to which each Synod was entitled, the English Secretary of the Council in conference with himself, had found that our share of this amount is $60, and asked that it be paid. As I had no authority to order its payment, it remains unpaid.

Under date of May 13, 1904, I received a communication from the Rev. G. W. Sandt of Philadelphia, Pa., the Archivarius of the General Council, calling my attention to a resolution of the General Council, requesting the Archivarius to secure a complete file of the

minutes of each Synod, from its beginning, and urging me to do my best to see that such a file of the Chicago Synod be furnished him. I lay the request before Synod. He also requests that a copy of the minutes as soon as issued, each year, be promptly sent to the "Lutheran."

The Lutheran

The Lutheran, our weekly church paper, still continues, with ever increasing force, to demonstrate its right to exist, and the far reaching wisdom of its establishment as the official organ of the General Council. We feel more and more, that we cannot do without it. And our people too cannot afford to be without it as a weekly visitor in their homes.

The liberal offers which it makes to agents, and to anyone, who will increase its circulation, ought to induce our pastors and people everywhere, to take hold of the work and secure its regular visits into every home among us. As an aid to us in our pastoral work, it is invaluable, in the development of our people into intelligent, liberal minded and liberal handed Christians, in all that pertains to the life and work of the Church, outside of merely local bounds.

The Chicago Seminary

This School of the Prophets established within our bounds, continues to be a veritable Godsend to us as a Synod every year of our existence and work. It's necessity and usefulness to us as a Synod, does not decrease as the years roll on, but increases. We would be even more helpless today, than in former years, without it. It is slowly but surely getting on it's feet financially. Signal help and blessing have come to it during the past year. But it still needs the prayers and contributions of us all, and these must continue to come in, even in larger measure, for a long time to come, if the Seminary is to answer the wants of the Church in this broad western field which stretches from the Alleghenies to the Pacific.

In one respect particularly, the experiences of the past year have enhanced the need and value of the work of the Seminary, for. us as a Synod, and that is in the many changes and shiftings about among our pastors as shown in this report. These many changes come from the want of men, and of additional men with educated

minds, devoted hearts and consecrated lives, whom alone our Seminary can furnish. We cannot hope to get them from any other source. But that the Seminary may furnish them to us from year to year in due proportion, we must first furnish them to the Seminary. This prevenient duty belongs to us. Let us therefore help the Seminary by seeking out young men with the proper natural and spiritual gifts, and sending them to it to be educated. In so doing we are simply helping ourselves, providing for our own great and ever increasing wants.

Status of Certain Brethren

As the question of the relation of certain brethren to Synod and Conference has been submitted to me several times, during the past two years, I would ask Synod to determine the following points:—

1. The status of brethren who have been ordained *ad interim*, in relation to Synod. Does their ordination constitute them members of Synod?

2. The status of brethren to Conference, who come from other bodies, accept calls from parishes within the Conference bounds, remove thither, are installed, and attend the meetings of Conference. Are they members of Conference, and can they be so received? A final deliverance of Synod to fix the procedure in such cases is desirable.

Conclusion

Thanking you for the uniform courtesy you have extended without fail on every occasion, and especially for the patience and brotherly kindness with which you have borne with my inexperiences, deficiencies and faults, and having served you in this capacity for two years and feeling that you ought to relieve me of the burdens of the station and lay them upon stronger shoulders, I pray that you will not consider nor treat me as a candidate for a third term in succession which, although allowed by the Constitution, is at the same time made more difficult of access.

May God the Father preside over us, God the Son reside within us, and God the Holy Ghost inspire and move us, in all we say and do. Amen. H. PETERS.

Wallace, Ind., June 1st, 1904.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Election of Officers

The President appointed Rev. S. D. Myers, Rev. J. V. Sappenfield and Mr. H. C. Sense as tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

President, The Rev. Hiram Peters, Decatur, Ill.
Secretary, The Rev. H. B. Reed, Chicago, Ill.
Treasurer, The Rev. I. Whitman, Wallace, Iud.

The hours for opening and closing the daily sessions were fixed as follows: 8:00 to 11:30 for the morning; 1:30 to 4:30 for the afternoon, and 8:00 for beginning the evening service.

Report of the Examining Committee

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, your Committee conferred with the following named ordained ministers, and respectfully recommends that they be admitted to membership, as the Constitution directs.

1. The Rev. Herbert Martens, honorably dismissed to this body from the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and regularly called to the East Germantown Parish.

2. The Rev. Theodore F. Weiskotten, honorably dismissed to this body from the Pittsburg Synod of the General Council, and at present, by regular call, pastor of the Syracuse Parish.

3. The Rev. Jesse Dunn, honorably dismissed to this body from the Pittsburg Synod of the General Council.

4. The Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer, recently ordained by authority of the officers of Synod by reason of an emergency. He has been called by the Home Mission Committee and by the mission at Lafayette as pastor.

5. Two graduates of our Chicago Theological Seminary were duly examined, and sustained themselves to the satisfaction of your Committee. They desire to be ordained and admitted to membership. We recommend that their request be granted, and that the ordination service be held Sunday morning, the details to be arranged by the President. Their names and relation to Synod are as follows:

John Knauer, regularly called to the Gila congregation as its pastor, and by the Home Mission Committee for mission work at Olney, Ills.

Lloyd W. Steckel, regularly called by the Home Mission Committee and by St. James' congregation of Chicago, Ill.

6. The question was raised, in Committee, as to the relation to this body, of persons ordained, by authority of its officers, in the interval of its meetings.

It is the opinion of your Committee that persons so ordained are amenable to the officers of Synod, but that ordination *ad interim* does not constitute membership in this body; that a two third's vote of the members present at any meeting, is necessary. Any other arrangement would deprive this body of its constitutional right, to determine its own membership, and might prove a source of discord and contention in the future.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received, and its consideration was made the first order of business for Thursday morning.

The Rev. S. Wagenhals D. D. of Fort Wayne, Ind., read his paper: "Christianity as a Social Factor."

The President appointed the

Regular Committees

Credentials of Lay Delegates—Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, W. J. Seiberling.

President's Report—Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D., Wm. J. Finck, P. C. Wike.

On Protocol—Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, J. C. Dietz.

On Absentees—Rev. S. D. Myers, P. J. Gerberding, Mr. Brady L. Stroup.

On Press—For The Lutheran, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.
For the Synodical Paper, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.

On Conference—Rev. Wm. Eckert, P. C. Wike.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. Luther Easterday, M. J. Paulsou, Urias Bertsch.

The President completed the following

Standing Committees

Examination—Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Luther Hogshead, A. D. Crile, J. R. E. Hunt.

Home Missions—Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Geo. F. Dittmar, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., P. C. Wike, L. Hogshead, Messrs. N. D. Myers, M. D., J. M. Snyder, J. G. Dreiman, Wm. Brewer.

Reception of Congregations—Rev. M. E. Haberland, H. M. Martens, Mr. Paul Myers.

(The following Special Committees were appointed for work at this Convention.)

On General Council Publications—Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., A. D. Crile, M. E. Haberland, L. Hogshead, W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.

On Obituary—Rev. A. L. Boliek.

Adjourned at 4:30 with prayer, by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.

Second Session

Phanuel Church, Thursday, June 2, 8 a. m.

Devotions, consisting of the Matin Service were conducted by the Rev. Geo. F. Dittmar.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon were read and approved.

The Report of Committee on Examination was taken up. It was considered by items and was adopted as a whole.

Due notice having been given, the Rev. S. Wagenhals D. D., moved to reconsider the action taken in the year 1903, on item 4 of the Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments. (See Minutes of 1903 page 45.)

The motion prevailed.

The following was then adopted:

Resolved: That the Apportionment Committee be instructed to base the Apportionment for the ensuing year on "the number entitled to commune."

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 1903 to May 23, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report	$ 54 84	
Offering at Synod for Foreign Missions	20 36	
" " " Gen. Council Home Missions	20 00	
" " " Beneficiary Education	15 31	
" " " Benevolence	15 85	
" " " Seminary	65 00	
For the Seminary in Chicago	98 66	
" Foreign Missions, Special	28 40	
" Home Missions of the General Council	87 97	
" Colburn Academy	7 28	
" Works of Mercy	6 50	
On Apportionments	3215 00	
Total		$3635 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the Seminary in Chicago	$ 160 91	
" Foreign Missions	329 94	
" Home Missions of General Council	107 97	
" Church Extension of General Council	79 10	
" Beneficiary Education	400 00	
" Ministerial Relief	75 00	
" Works of Mercy	39 88	
" Colburn Academy	1 00	
" Synodical Expenses	323 62	
" Synodical Home Missions	2104 78	
Cash on hand	12 97	
Total		$3635 17

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL.

June 1, 1903 to May 23, 1904.

Parish	Congregation	Del'y	Appo't	Special	Total
Alexandria	Our Savior	$	$ 15 00	$	$ 15 00
Anderson	St. John's	41 00	65 06	20 05	126 11
	Mt. Zion's	16 75	20 55	1 00	38 30
Chicago	Holy Trinity	139 08	181 52	15 00	335 60
"	Wicker Park	.....	152 13	.....	152 13
"	St. Mark's	.....	45 89	.....	45 89
"	St. James'	4 25	25 20	.....	29 45
"	St. Matthew's	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
"	St. Peter's	40 00	65 20	7 50	112 70
"	St. Luke's	.....	18 66	.....	18 66
"	St. John's	.....	70 55	6 50	77 05
"	Atonement	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claremont	St. James'	25 00	40 00	.....	65 00
Colburn	St. John's	.....	47 95	18 00	65 95
	Zion's	22 90	41 10	4 50	68 50
	Bethel	.....	20 35	1 35	21 70
Corydon	Mt. Solomon	.....	52 40	.....	52 40
Decatur	First English	.....	76 64	13 82	90 46
Detroit	St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Zion's	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Germantown	St. Jacob's	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
	St. John's	17 28	13 77	.....	31 05
Elgin	Holy Trinity	.....	43 00	29 31	74 31
Fort Wayne	Holy Trinity	.....	488 94	.....	488 94
Frankfort	St. Paul's	.....	77 97	.....	77 97
Gila	Union	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Goshen	First English	35 43	77 79	12 80	126 02
Hicksville	St. John's	.....	30 96	25 87	56 83
	Lost Creek	.....	36 70	11 39	48 09
	Zion's	.....	15 69	5 20	20 89
Lafayette	Zion's	3 28	13 80	2 36	19 44
Mishawaka	First English	14 23	20 74	.....	34 97
Mulberry	Zion's	22 14	89 05	.....	111 19
	Fairhaven	24	78 76	6 75	85 75
Newberry	St. Peter's	10 00	30 87	2 50	43 37
	Mt. Zion's	9 50	35 63	19 75	64 88
Rochester	St. Paul's	10 15	45 47	12 42	68 04
	St. John's	8 65	19 18	6 79	34 62
South Bend	Holy Trinity	12 45	35 40	.....	47 85
Syracuse	St. Paul's	.....	20 55	5 75	26 30
	Emmanuel	.....	52 85	9 50	62 35
	Syracuse	.....	15 07	.....	15 07
	St. John's	.....	14 75	16 25	31 00
Vandalia	St. James'	35 34	73 61	20 00	128 95
Wallace	Phanuel	.....	68 71	5 00	68 71
	Emmanuel	.....	19 86	.....	19 86
	Philadelphia	.....	16 85	.....	16 85
Whitestown	Union	3 65	12 70	.....	16 35
	Salem's	19 31	76 04	.....	95 35
	St. Mark's	26 45	93 84	.....	120 29
	St. James'	.....	68 50	.....	68 50

Of the fifty one congregations in Synod, twenty-three have paid their apportionment in full or overpaid. The following are delinquent to the amounts designated:

Salem's, Whitestown	$ 79	89
Syracuse, Syracuse	6	60
Colburn, Bethel	23	73
E. Germantown, Zion's	137	86
" " St. Jacob's	45	27
" " St. John's	10	89
Rochester, St. Paul's	16	65
Mulberry, Zion's	7	87
" Fair Haven	32	78
Newberry, St. Peter's	19	95
Anderson, St. John's	20	75
" Mt. Zion's	5	00
Hicksville, Lost Creek	11	25
" Zion's	3	49
" St. John's	9	94
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	120	83
Gila, Union	393	90
Claremont, St. James'	63	60
Goshen, First English	119	65
Chicago, St. Matthew's	38	40
Alexandria, Our Savior	10	20
South Bend, Holy Trinity	2	44
Lafayette, Zion's	13	10
Chicago, St. Luke's	20	29
" Wicker Park	88	30
Syracuse, St. John's	9	91
Detroit, St. Paul's	25	20
Chicago, Ch. of Atonement	14	40
Total		$1352 14

The following amounts have been received since May 23, and are credited as follows:

Wicker Park, Chicago	$ 88	30
W. L. Hunton	3	00
St. Jacob's, E. Germantown	16	56
St. John's, " "	24	66
Zion's, Hicksville	3	60

Lost Creek, Hicksville	$ 11	25
St. John's "	10	15
Bethel, Colburn	11	00
Mt. Zion's, Newberry	15	00
First English, Goshen	22	63
St. James', Whitestown	1	16
St. Mark's, Whitestown	1	50
Our Saviqr, Alexandria	7	50
First English, Goshen	34	60
St. Matthew's, Chicago:	38	40
St. John's, Nappanee	9	91
First English, Goshen	6	00
St. Luke's, Chicago	10	75
Zion's, E. Germantown	9	50
St. James', Claremout	6	80
St. Paul's, Rochester	3	30
Union, Gila	15	20
Atonement, Chicago	14	40
Total	$ 365	17

ISAIAH WHITMAN, Treas.

The Report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Delegates to the General Council

The Twenty-ninth Convention of the General Council was held in Norristown, Pa., Oct. 8 to 13, 1903. The full delegation of the Chicago Synod was in attendance as follows: Rev. H. Peters, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., L. Hogshead and lay-delegates H. S. K. Bartholomew, R. Erickson and M. L. Deck. The former President declining re-election, the Rev. T. E. Schmauk was chosen President. Two new synods were received, viz. the Synod of New York and New England, and the Synod of Nova Scotia.

The spirit of unity, union, unification, and co-operation in practical work was in the air from beginning to end in this convention. It first appeared in the retiring President's report. It was expressed in the official communications from the Icelandic Synod, and the German Synod of Iowa. It was predominant in the addresses made on the floor of the Council by the representatives of the German

Synod of Iowa, and of the United Synod South. It reached a climax, when the delegate from the Iowa Synod expressed the conviction, that the General Council furnished the only basis for church unity among the many different bodies composing the Lutheran Church in this country. It was manifested in the reports of the Board of English Home Missions, and of the Committee on Sunday School Work. It was set fort in the provision made for the representation of the General Council in the General Conference in Europe. It was illustrated by the demand made for a Free Lutheran Conference to be held west of the Alleghenies, some time in 1904. It was displayed in all the discussions which followed the presentation of these subjects.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions took up a large portion of the time of the Council. The Board received the most hearty thanks "for the eminent wisdom, arduous labors and unswerving fidelity manifested in the reorganization, and management of our Foreign Missionary operations." Through this eminent wisdom, labors and fidelity on the part of the Board, the confidence of the entire Church has been fully restored, which had been seriously weakened by the unfortunate state of affairs prevailing in our mission force in India, for a number of years. The hopefulness of this work was beautifully expressed at the close of the report, in the words of Dr. Harpster, the new director in the field, "That the outlook for this field is as bright as the promises of God; but the realization of these promises is bound up with an adequate force of foreign missionaries to man the different departments of mission work." The Council took action asking "all our Synods and their district Conferences, to consider the means of supplying the need of an adequate force, and furnishing our mission in India with men of the gifts and attainments for this great work."

The Council also most earnestly commended the urgent importance of the work in Porto Rico upon our Synods and congregations, asking of them liberal contributions for the more vigorous prosecution of this work.

Upon the presentation of the report of the English Home Mission Board, a long discussion arose upon the plan proposed for the unification of our English Home Mission Work, which finally resulted in asking the different Synods, through their Mission Committees, to elect two, and the Home Mission Board three representatives, to meet during the year 1904, to devise and formulate a plan of operations. The amount which the Council asks of the Chicago

Synod for the current biennium for its English Home Mission Work is $1,250.00.

In the adoption of the report of the Education Committee, the Council took an important step forward in the line of Christian education, beginning at the bottom. It requests and recommends to the Synods, to request their congregations, to institute a week-day Christian Kindergarten in addition to the usual Sunday School. It further recommends and urges, that a sufficient number of deaconesses be secured and prepared, to become teachers of these parochial Kindergartens; that the different motherhouses arrange for training a large number of young women in the deaconess work, with a view to their being sent to congregations as parochial Kindergarten teachers, and to open courses for such instruction in connection with the regular deaconess work already in operation. Pastors all over the Church, are urged to seek out and induce young women to take immediate courses of training in Christian Kindergarten work.

The report of the Publication Board showed a steady increase in business for the two years. The volume of business reached the handsome sum of $100,584.65, an average of $4,345 68 per month.

The Committee on Sunday School work reported, that the great bulk of their work during the two years, had been devoted to the Primary Department of our Sunday Schools. Great progress had been made also in the matter of co-operation in Sunday School work, with the General Synod and the United Synod South. This co-operation has been secured in the first steps of the Primary grade, in the issue of a Sunday School Paper, and the securing of joint Picture Charts with common lesson texts, for a two year's course. The Joint Synod of Ohio has also agreed to co-operate in the production and sale of these charts. The requests for further authority along these lines were granted, and the Committee was instructed to prepare and publish a Constitution for Graded Schools.

Dr. H. E. Jacobs, in connection with his report, as the Committee on the holding of a General Conference with other Lutheran bodies, offered a series of Twenty Propositions as the basis of discussion at the next General Conference. The Council without adopting these propositions, ordered them to be printed. They are a clear and succinct statement of our Lutheran faith. They are found in the printed minutes, and are worthy of our reading, study, and preservation in printed form.

The following resolution in which we are concerned was adopted:

Resolved: That the Secretary shall apportion $1,800.00 among the Syuods belonging to the General Council, on the basis of representation in the same, for the purpose of providing for the general expenses of the Council.

Our requests to the General Council, to issue forms for dismissal of members, for reception of new members otherwise than by baptism and confirmation, and for an official call from a congregation to a pastor, were all referred to the Church Book Committee.

The extent of the Home Mission Work carried on within the Council is shown in the following statistics:

Number of Missions	655
Number of Missionaries	341
Number of Members in Missions	33,242
Value of Church Property	$1,552,461.00

The Chicago Synod is represented on the Boards and Committees of the Council as follows: two on Committee on Sunday School work; two on Committee on Education.

The printed minutes of the General Council may be had of the Publication Board, 1522 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., at twenty-five cents a copy.

The next Convention of the General Council will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., pastor, beginning on the second Thursday in Oct. 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Voted to refer all requests for the cancellation of delinquencies, to the Committee on Apportionments.

Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. Jesse Dunn, and adjourned at 11:25 o'clock.

Third Session

Phanuel Church, Thursday, June 2nd, 1:30 p. m.

Devotions conducted by the Rev. Jno. V. Sappenfield.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee on President's Report respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That the official acts of the President be approved.

2. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed and authorized to pay the sum of sixty dollars to the Treasurer of the General Council, to assist in defraying the current expenses of that body.

3. Request having been made by the Archivarius of the General Council for a complete file of the Minutes of this body from its origin in 1871, we suggest that the Secretary be instructed to furnish a bound file as nearly complete as possible.

4. Every pastor's experience must convince him, that his most efficient assistant in a parish is a judiciously edited religious periodical. Every intelligent church member who is brought under the influence of such an agency not only informs himself about the Church at large, but becomes every way more zealous in local church work. We would therefore again most earnestly commend *The Lutheran* to our pastors and people, not only as worthy of their confidence and support, but also as having a wholesome educating influence in our families. We heartily endorse the suggestion of the President, that our pastors should aim to place a copy of this excellent paper in every home.

5. No one can dispute that the Chicago Seminary is the foundation of our present standing and efficiency as a Synod, and the main source of our accessions in the future. An institution so intimately bound up with our very life as a Synod, should not only be regarded with favor, but with the warmest affection. We earnestly urge all our pastors to represent it to their people in this kindly light. Without its beneficent help, every missionary and educational enterprise of Synod would decline or fail. You who are sons of the Seminary, pray and work for her welfare and prosperity as you would for a mother's, and let those of us whose relation to her has been less intimate, though not less important, recognize and seek to further, in a substantial way, the great work she is doing for our Church in the West. We believe it to be a duty of every pastor and congregation to help her bear the heavy financial obligations which her work entails, and to increase the number of her students.

6. The President raises two questions and asks that Synod express it's judgment upon them:—

The *status* of brethren who have been ordained *ad interim:* does ordination constitute them members of Synod? The action of Synod at a previous session in connection with the report of the Examining Committee has determined that ordination *ad interim* does not constitute membership;

The *status* of brethren to Conference, who come from other bodies, accept calls from parishes within the Conference bounds, remove thither, are installed, and attend the meetings of Conference. Are they members of Conference and can they be so received? It is the judgment of your Committee, that while they should be accorded a voice in the Conference, they cannot become members until their membership in this body has been consummated.

7. That Synod approve the division of the Syracuse Parish, into two separate charges, to be named,

The Syracuse Parish, to consist of Grace congregation of Syracuse and St. Paul's congregation of Benton;

The Nappanee Parish, to consist of the St. John's congregation of Nappanee and the Emmanuel's congregation in the immediate neighborhood of that place.

8. We desire to express our deep sorrow at the loss we have sustained personally and as a Synod, in the death of our brother, the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield. He was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile. In the face of many untoward conditions, and discouragements, he obeyed the divine call to preach the Gospel. His whole life in the ministry was stamped with sincerity and a zeal that knew no abatement until his end came. He was a disciple of Christ who continued to grow year by year in knowledge of the Divine Word, in personal experience of the grace of Christ, and in the favor and love of his brethren.

Personally, those of us who knew him well and long, feel that a dear friend has fallen by our side, upon whose faithfulness we always counted, and whose presence was always an encouragement in the face of the hindrances that beset our Synod, in it's earlier struggles for the pure faith of our fathers.

We recommend that a suitable obituary be published in the minutes of Synod.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received and considered by items.

Upon the adoption of the last item by a rising vote, the Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions

The year in our Home Missions has been a quiet and uneventful one. Good work has been done, but it has been the work that shows in the inner work of the parish, and not in marked advance in material things. It is the healthy development, after the marked material advance in church erection, which characterized the preceding year.

The Committee has held three well attended meetings during the year, and has been diligent in it's efforts to care for the work committed to it, as well as watchful so as not to allow opportunities, to open and develop important and hopeful mission points, to slip from us.

The Work in Detail

ST. PETER'S, CHICAGO, has had street assessments, and special obligations in payments on the church debt, during the year, which have made it rather a trying year financially, yet the reports show marked progress, and a most commendable spirit in the people in requesting another reduction in the appropriation to that field.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CHICAGO, has made special efforts toward developing the internal life and forces of the congregation. The debt has been reduced to $200, and the congregation has voted to increase the salary of the pastor.

ST. JAMES', CHICAGO, has passed through many trials and discouragements, yet the work has grown and prospered, until now we have a Sunday School of nearly 300, and a membership of 43. Student L. W. Steckel has been in charge of this work throughout the year, and has been unusually diligent and faithful. The congregation has united with the Mission Committee in extending to him a call, and he is at this convention of Synod, an applicant for ordination. The exchange of lots which failed last year, is now consummated, and with an ordained pastor and good prospects of a permanent church home in the near future, the coming year gives promise of being marked by unusual progress at St. James' Mission.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, CHICAGO, the Rev. L. P. Pence, Missionary, has fully demonstrated that it has a legitimate field of it's own. The congregation is now agitating the lot question, and the Mission Committee has urged the matter upon them. They occupy a growing section of the city, and with the new park located near them, and the proposed extension of the "L" R. R., property

values will certainly advance rapidly. A lot and a church home should be acquired at an early day by this mission.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, CHICAGO, is our youngest Chicago Mission. It is located in a densely populated district of the West Side, and at present worships in Bowman's Hall, 12th St. Blvd. and Ogden Ave. The Mission was in charge of Mr. J. H. Graff during the Seminary year. The first service was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15th, 1903, addresses being delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gerberding, A. C. Anda and the Mission Director. The Choir of Holy Trinity Church rendered the service. We have an excellent Sunday School, and are confident of the ultimate outcome, but have found the field rather slow of development. Mr. L. J. Baker is now in charge of the work, and being experienced in developing and organizing work, he has taken hold systematically and euergetically, and we believe that the temporary organization which was made at the home of Mrs. Gates, Feb. 18th, will in the not distant future be made permanent.

THE CHURCH OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR, ALEXANDRIA, IND., the Rev. J. C. Dietz Missionary, owing to the decrease in the supply of natural gas which has worked to the detriment of the town, has had many discouragements, but with a number of accessions at Easter, and a revival in the business of the city, there has come new life into the work, and our missionary declares that which we have always believed, that there is a very hopeful future in store for this mission.

FIRST ENGLISH, MISHAWAKA, IND., the Rev. M. E. Boulton, Missionary, has reduced it's floating debt by $400.00, leaving it at present $340.00. It is but just to state, that through the great liberality of Messrs. Eberline and Miller, first in advancing and afterwards in donating, in addition to their already liberal subscriptions, the sum of $6,602.50, to state that we now have the beautiful church and commodious parsonage, excepting the ladie's obligation for widows, free of incumbrance. Mishawaka is a prosperous manufacturing city, and with our church near to a fine and growing residence section, there is every reason to expect a healthy growth.

HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH BEND, IND., led by it's zealous and self-sacrificing missionary, the Rev. William Eckert, although facing special assessments for street, etc., has heroically assumed half of the aid given by Synod, and gives every evidence of spiritual, as well as material progress. Holy Trinity will soon be in the list of self-supporting parishes.

ZION'S, LA FAYETTE, IND., has had an eventful year. The Director, and a majority of the Committee visited the field at the close of Synod a year ago, and unanimously agreed that the field was hopeful, but needed a resident pastor and a more favorable location. The pastor has been secured in the person of the Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer, a graduate of the Philadelphia Seminary, and a post-graduate student of the Chicago Seminary, who was called to the work, and, at the request of the Home Mission Committee, was ordained in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chicago, Jan. 19th, 1904. He took immediate charge of the work and reports the membership up to June 1st, more than doubled, since he became pastor. Larger and better quarters have been secured, and a subscription of about $2,000.00 is already in hand toward a church home. Lots are in view and the fondest hopes of Synod give promise of being fully realized.

WAUKEGAN, ILL. The mission work which had been conducted by the students for several years, has been regularly transferred to the Augustana Synod pastor, the Rev. C. J. Karl, who agreed to introduce English into his church and Sunday School work, and thus provide for these people, leaving us free to use our forces in fields which give prospect of a more rapid development. The work was transferred July 1st, 1903.

SYRACUSE, IND. The Synod's recommendation, that the Nappanee charge be divided, has been carried into effect, and Syracuse and Benton have been formed into a parish, and through the efforts of the Mission Committee, a very capable pastor secured in the person of the Rev. Theo. F. Weiskotten of North Lima, Ohio, who has been in charge since May 1st. Already the evidences are manifest, that the work will prosper under separate pastoral oversight. Brother Weiskotten has taken hold of the work with tact and energy, and plans are rapidly maturing, which mean a church building in Syracuse. With an inviting new church, and the only resident pastor, the future of our Lutheran cause in Syracuse is assured. The Benton church, too, gives promise of greater efficiency, as well as larger growth under the new arrangement.

OLNEY, ILL. As directed, the Rev. M. L. Wagner investigated this field last summer. A call was extended to him, but owing to his receiving a call to Dayton, Ohio, it was declined. Student John Knauer has been called to serve this field temporarily in connection with the Gila parish. We have a good brick church building, and a

nucleus of loyal Lutherans, and have reason to believe that with proper pastoral oversight, this field can be developed into a prosperous parish.

Statistical Summary

Missions	Souls	Communicants	Gain	S. S.	Property	Debt	Income	Benevolence	Aid ('03-'04)	Aid asked
St. Peter's, Chicago.	435	135	23	320	$ 5 000	$ 2 350	$1061 85	$ 88 40	$200	$ 150
St. Matthew's, Chicago.	250	97	8	137	2 500	200	960 00	36 00	240	240
St. James', Chicago.	308	43	16	265	800	.....	272 50	33 40	125	300
Atonement, Chicago.	90	33	11	85	.....	.....	201 10	14 40	300	300
Epiphany, Chicago.	70	* 10	....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	175
Our Savior, Alexandria, Ind.	95	43	2	78	15 000	.....	413 40	15 00	300	300
First Church, Mishawaka, Ind.	98	41	8	64	10 000	340	415 00	7 05	150	150
Holy Trinity, South Bend, Ind.	102	67	13	147	2 750	750	670 40	38 18	200	100
Zion's, La Fayette, Ind.	96	45	22	51	.....	.....	79 04	16 16	262	300
Syracuse-	46	28	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	200
Benton, Ind.	78	30	....	48	1 000	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Olney, Ill.	.....	* 25	....	....	2 500	.....	.....	.....	....	150
City Missionary	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	125
Missions	666	592	281	1260	39 550	3 640	4063 29	243 59	1831	2 490

* Organizations at Olney, Ill., and Epiphany, Chicago, are not yet perfected.

Some Interesting Facts and Figures

An analysis of this report will show, that we have aided during this synodical year, five missions in Chicago, and eight outside of the city;—a total of thirteen. We now have twelve missions on our funds;—six in Illinois and six in Indiana.

The General Council aided five missions in connection with the Chicago Synod during the year; three in Illinois, one in Indiana and one in Michigan. Thus it will be seen that eighteen missions have been supported on our territory during the past synodical year.

With a total of thirty-five parishes, we find that just half the synodical fields are missionary, and that with a total of but seventeen self-supporting charges, we have cared for no less than thirteen mission points,—a ratio which seems fully to warrant the applying to this body the title, "The Missionary Synod".

The General Council Home Mission Work

The quickened and increased interest in Western Home Mission work is largely due to the work of the Field Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Anda, who by actual results, has demonstrated the ripeness of this territory, and the wonderful possibilites which will follow intelligent and energetic work. It behooves our Synod to show it's appreciation of the work being done, by active co-operation, so that the future may see still larger efforts and greater results. During the year, the General Council has supported St. John's and St. Luke's, Chicago, St. Paul's, Detroit, Mich., and St. John's, Anderson, Ind., and the new mission of the Redeemer in Aurora, Ill., which is as yet under the direct care of the Field Secretary, and for the present served by our City Missionary, Student F. W. Bussard. St. John's, Chicago, is now self-supporting, having so declared itself May 1st, 1903.

The subject of General Mission work occupied much of the time of the last meeting of the General Council, and the necessity of united effort for the prosecution of this great work of our Church, was made very apparent. Former plans having failed, it was resolved that a special Committee consisting of three from the General Council Board and two from each Synod, selected by the various Committees in charge of the English work in their respective Synods be formed, for the purpose of formulating a plan, to be presented to the several district Synods for consideration and action. Your Committee met and selected as it's representatives, the Mission Director, the Rev. W. L. Hunton, and Rev. Dr. Gerberding. This Committee met in the First Church, Pittsburg, Pa., April 8th, 1904, and formulated a plan, which is herewith presented for consideration, and for such disposition as the Synod may determine. The following is

The Plan

1. A Home Mission Board shall be elected by the General Council and shall consist of four clergymen and three laymen. It shall be located at such place as that Body may from time to time determine.

It shall exercise the following functions:

a. It shall have supervision of the missions committed to it's care by the District Synods, and such other missions as are or may be established by it.

b. It shall make an estimate of the funds needed for it's work, and recommend to the General Council the amounts to be apportioned to the Synods.

2. The Mission Board or Committee of each Synod having charge of English Home Missions, shall be auxiliary to the General Board.

It shall be the duty of these Boards:

a. To lay before the General Council's Board or it's authorized agents the mission needs of their Synods.

b. To furnish, through an accredited representative or otherwise, the necessary data for the Board's intelligent action; so that by definite and detailed plans, new missions may be properly established, and those already in existence successfully conducted.

c. To present to their respective Synods a complete account of the General Council Board's missionary operations.

d. To recommend and urge upon their Synods such action as may be necessary to support the work of the General Council's Board, whether in the raising of apportionments, or in the spread of missionary intelligence.

[Signed]

L. G. ABRAHAMSON
W. K. FRICK
D. H. GEISSINGER
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C. K. HUNTON
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J. C. KUNZMANN
S. P. A. LINDAHL
E. AUG. MILLER
G. W. SANDT
A. F. SIEBERT
A. L. YOUNT
H. A. WELLER.

COMMITTEE.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 8, 1904.

Prospective Mission Points

Preliminary work has been done in the Roseland-Pullman-Kensington district, in the southern part of the city of Chicago, with a view to establishing a mission, with most encouraging prospects; also at Chicago Heights, Ill. These fields must be occupied, and in fact so many others are pressed upon our attention as a committee, that we can but pray for men and means to enter in and possess the territory for Christ and our beloved Lutheran church.

We appreciate the aid given the committee through individual contributions, and are glad to note that a single contributor has added $100.00 to the funds of the committee during the past year. If we could have more such financial evidence of interest, and co-operation, our hands would be greatly strengthened for the prosecution of this urgent and hopeful work.

Recommendations

1. We recommend appropriations to the various missions as indicated in the column "*Aid asked*" in the Statistical Table.

2. We recommend that the interest for St. Luke's, Chicago, be paid for the coming year as per agreement, viz. $104.50, and that the sum of $125 be appropriated for City Missionary.

3. We request that Synod appropriate $2,600.00 to be at the disposal of the Mission Committee for the prosecution of our Home Mission work during the coming synodical year.

4. We urge upon the pastors the necessity of spreading missionary information, and holding frequent missionary services and festivals.

5. We recommend to our parishes the advisability of assuming the fostering of some special mission, in co-operation with the Synod's Committee.

6. Resolved: That it is the sense of this Synod, that the principle recommended by the special Committee of the General Council on unification, is correct: and the Chicago Synod hereby agrees to adopt the plan, as soon as a sufficient number of Synods adopt it, or some similar plan, to make it feasible.

THE COMMITTEE.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee

June 10, 1903, to May 28, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, cash on hand per last report	$	181 00
Rec'd from Treasurer of Synod, Rev. I. Whitman		1965 70
Rec'd from Special Fund subscriptions		209 29
Rec'd from loan of Dr. O. J. Waters		300 00
Total	$	2655 99

EXPENDITURES.

To St. Peter's, Chicago	$	200 00
" St. Matthew's, Chicago		240 00
" St. James', Chicago		125 00
" St. Luke's, Chicago, for interest		104 50
" Atonement, Chicago		300 00
" Epiphany, Chicago		54 05
" City Missionary, May—Oct., 1903		75 00
" Holy Trinity, South Bend, Ind.		200 00
" First Church, Mishawaka, Ind.		150 00
" Our Saviour's Church, Alexandria, Ind.		300 00
" Zion's, La Fayette, Ind.		262 00
" Current expenses, printing, postage, supplies, interest, traveling expenses, etc.		85 36
Total Expenses	$	2095 91
Paid loan in full to Dr. Waters		300 00
Total Paid out	$	2395 91
Balance Cash on hand		260 08
Grand Total	$	2655 99

Respectfully Submitted,

C. T. A. ANDERSON,
Treasurer of the Committee.

The Report was received for consideration by items.

While item one was under consideration, the hour arrived for the hearing of a paper by the Rev. Wm. Eckert.

The Rev. Wm. Eckert, of South Bend, Ind., read his paper on "The Debt which the Church owes to the World."

The discussion was opened by the Rev. M. E. Boulton.

Synod adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, led in prayer by the Rev. A. C. Anda.

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Fourth Session

Phanuel Church, June 3rd, 8 a. m.

The Devotions were conducted by the Rev. T. F. Weiskotten.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Home Mission Committee was resumed. It was considered by items. The Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee was referred to the Auditing Committee, and final action on the Report as a whole, deferred until the Auditing Committee should report.

Report of the Committee on Conferences

The Northern Conference of the Chicago Synod, assembled in St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill., passed the following resolutions:

1. That we ask Synod to pass a resolution requesting the publication of a Sunday School Paper of the same general style as "Young Folks", which could be put into our schools at a cost, not to exceed 25 cents per copy per year."

2. That we request Synod to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the organization of the women of our congregations into a Synodical Society."

The Southern Conference of the Chicago Synod in convention in St. James' English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Whitestown pastorate, resolved:

3. "To ask Synod to adopt and have published for general and free distribution in her congregations, the paper read at this con-

ference by the Rev. I. Whitman, on the topic "The Congregation's obligation to pay the Synodical Apportionment."

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received for consideration by items, and action taken as follows:

Item 1. A Committee composed of the Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., A. D. Crile, M. E. Haberland, L. Hogshead and W. L. Hunton was appointed to bring in a resolution relative to the prices of the publications of our General Council Publication Board.

Item 2. Be it resolved: That the Home Mission Committee formulate a plan to organize the women of our Synod into a Synodical Missionary Society, and report to Synod, at this meeting, if possible, or not later than at the next annual convention.

Item 3. Synod ordered the paper published with the minutes, and instructed the Secretary to have 4,000 extra copies issued in tract form, for general and free distribution.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Next Convention

Invitations were received from the congregations located in the following cities: Lafayette, Ind., South Bend, Ind., and Anderson, Ind. The invitation from Holy Trinity Congregation, Lafayette, Ind. was unanimously accepted.

The time for holding the next convention was set for Wednesday following Trinity Sunday, 1905.

Report of Committee on Education

We beg leave to report as follows:

1. The aid voted to be given to Oliver O. Yung and Sylvester L. Boger has been given.

2. The aid voted to Andrew M. Sappenfield and Calvin Brewer, at the discretion of the Committee, has been paid in full.

3. Very favorable reports have been received concerning the behavior and scholarship of each of our beneficiaries.

4. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Oliver O. Yung	$ 75 00
Andrew Sappenfield	100 00
Calvin Brewer	100 00
Sylvester L. Boger	100 00
Total	$375 00

5. We recommend that the offering received at the service held in the interest of Education, be given to the Colburn Academy.

The urgent need of competent men to gather new congregations and supply those already existing, should be strongly impressed upon our people.

The harvest truly is great and very ripe, but the laborers should increase. Let us tell the Church.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted by items and as a whole.

Resolutions offered presenting a plan for apportioning congregations was referred to the Committee on Apportionments.

Report of the Committee on Reception of Congregations

The Committee on Reception of Congregations begs leave to present the following report.

That St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation of Richland Co., Ill., has applied for membership in this Synod.

They have presented to the Committee their constitution, as required by the constitution of Synod, and have also instructed their delegate to sign the constitution of Synod, if their request for membership is granted.

We, the Committee, therefore recommend that this congregation be requested to amend Article XI so as to read, that "this constitution may be amended or changed as provided for by the constitution, except Article II which Article sets forth the doctrinal position of the congregation," and that they be received into Synod as soon as they notify the Secretary of Synod that this change has been made as requested.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as amended.

Synod adjourned at 11:30, led in prayer by the Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.

Fifth Session

Phanuel Church, June 3, 1904, 2 p. m.

The Devotions were conducted by the Rev. P. J. Gerberding.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Report of the Archivarius

Several bunches of letters, documents and reports have been added to the large collection already in the hands of your keeper of the treasurer trove of Synod.

As our Seminary library rooms are over-crowded, it has not been practicable to have our material properly arranged as yet.

Meantime all is safely housed in the home of

THE ARCHIVARIUS.

The Report was adopted as amended.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Colburn Academy

The nine trustees, nominated by Synod at it's last convention were duly incorporated during the year by the Secretary of the State of Indiana, and the Articles of Incorporation put on record at Indianapolis and Lafayette, as required by the state law. Five meetings were held during the year and the following acted as the officers temporarily: President, Rev. I. Whitman; Secretary, Rev. William Finck; Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Rohrabaugh. Permanent officers will be elected at the next meeting. The Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer has been elected a member of the Board, in the place of the Rev. H. K. Lantz who removed to Pennsylvania.

The school has been in progress all the year, covering a nine month's course. The total enrollment was thirty-four, but some of the pupils attended only a portion of the time. One pupil completed the course and was given a diploma of graduation. There were ten pupils in the High School department, eleven in the

Grammar School department and thirteen in the Primary department. The year was a very successful one, and the commencement on May 13, was very satisfactory.

The fall term begins September fifth, with good prospects for an increased number of pupils. The instructors for the coming year are the following: Prof. G. M. Moser, Rev. P. C. Wike and Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer. The catalogue for 1904-1905 has been printed for free distribution.

The school is not yet self-sustaining, and the Board of Trustees hopes for the co-operation of the members of Synod, and friends of Christian Education, to assist in maintaining the school until it becomes self-supporting. The deficit is $150.00, for the past year, a part of which remains to be provided for. Our needs are three-fold. We need friends to advertize our school; we need pupils to fill our school; and we need means to maintain the school until it becomes self-sustaining.

During the coming year, the Board will formulate a set of rules and regulations to present at the next convention of Synod. At this time it will suffice to append the Articles of Association granted us by the State.

Articles of Association of the Colburn Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

In pursuance of the resolutions adopted by the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Convention assembled, on the thirteenth day of June, 1903, and recorded in the minutes for 1903, page forty-four.

We the undersigned do hereby associate ourselves together, in the corporate name and for the purposes and objects following, to wit:

Article 1. The corporate name of this association shall be "The Colburn Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church."

Article 2. This association is not organized for pecuniary profit, and there is and shall be no capital stock issued on account thereof.

Article 3. The objects of this association shall be to take, hold and acquire, erect, construct and improve real estate and property necessary for such purpose; and to organize, conduct and control a Christian Academy for educational purposes, and especially for the purpose of mental, moral and spiritual training of pupils, male and

female, according to the doctrinal basis of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Article 4. The names and places of residence of the incorporating members are as follows, respectively, to wit; Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Wallace, Indiana; Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Indiana; George E. Rohrabaugh, Colburn, Indiana; Rev. Polycarp C. Wike, Colburn, Indiana; Rev. William J. Seiberling, Mulberry, Indiana; Rev. Harry K. Lantz, Frankfort, Indiana; William Brewer, Pettit, Indiana; John D. Cook, Mulberry, Indiana; Obo J. Mennen, Lafayette, Indiana.

Article 5. The principal place of business af said Association shall be the town of Colburn in the county of Tippecanoe, Indiana.

Article 6. The term of existence of said Association shall be perpetual.

Article 7. The seal of said Association shall consist of a round disc with the imprint of a Bible in the center thereof, and the words, "The Colburn Academy, 1903" in the outer circle of said disc.

Article 8. The affairs of said Association shall be conducted by nine trustees, five of whom shall be ministers of the Gospel of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and four of whom shall be laymen of said Church, and all of whom shall be members of the Chicago Synod; and said trustees shall have the right to fill vacancies arising from any cause, and the same shall be a purpetual body, and all vacancies occuring from any and all causes, being filled from time to time by the remaining members of said Board of Trustees, and in case of a tie in the selection of any trustee at any time, the result shall be determined by lot. A majority of said trustees in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 9. The affairs of said Association for the first year shall be managed by the above name incorporators, who are hereby appointed and constituted the Board of Trustees of said Association with all of the powers by these articles granted to the trustees of said Association, with the full right, power, and authority to elect and appoint successors, and to make said body perpetual as provided in this charter.

Article 10. Said Association shall maintain buildings for said purpose and employ teachers and conduct schools for the purposes aforesaid, at said Town of Colburn, and the funds and revenues neces-

sary to conduct said institution shall be procured by tuition charges and by voluntary subscriptions and donations.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK, Sec. *pro. tem.*

The Report was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The Rev. P. C. Wike, his assistants in the School, and the members of the Board, were given a vote of thanks by Synod, for their self-sacrificing work done in behalf of the above named Academy.

Report of Committee on Western Lutheran

Through the efforts of your Committee, the deficit on the advance subscription was met and all bills for the first year have been paid. The paper can be improved and it's influence extended, if it receives the united support of it's constituents. We are fully convinced of the usefulness of such a paper, and urge upon the brethren the importance of furthering it's interests in every way possible.

The Board of Publication has been very lenient and liberal, and our constituency should be more appreciative and responsive, and we will be able to make the paper what we should like it to be. As it is, we have gone beyond what the support would warrant.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted and the Committee continued.

Report of the Auditing Committee

1. We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, would respectfully report, that we have carefully compared the items of the report with the cash book, accounts and vouchers and find the report correct.

2. We have carefully compared the items of the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee with the cash book, accounts and vouchers and find the report correct.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Upon adoption of the Report of the Auditing Committee, the Report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention

Your Committee would respectfully report:

1. That it has carefully examined the Protocol of the 33rd Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod, held in the Mulberry parish, and finds it neatly and correctly written.

2. On page 30 of the printed minutes, we find in the report of the "Special Committee on report of Board of Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged," that the Officers and Trustees of Synod were directed to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the donor of the property, and we inquire; has this been done?

3. On page 24 of the printed minutes, we find a resolution directing first, that all our Congregations and Sunday Schools take up an annual announced envelope offering for the Chicago Seminary, in envelopes furnished free by the Seminary, and secondly, that the Roll of Ministers be called at each convention of Synod, and that inquiry be made as to what has been done by each parish. We recommend that this be done after the adoption of this report.

4. On page 48 of the printed minutes, we find that the term of Mr. Nels Johnson as one of the Trustees of Synod expires in 1904, which necessitates the election of a Trustee, and we recommend that this be done after the matter referred to in item 3 has been attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was received and considered by items, and the following action taken.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. The question raised relative to the giving of a Quitclaim Deed was answered in the affirmative.

Item 3. The Roll of Ministers was called, and the pastors reported what had been done by their respective parishes toward the financial support of the Seminary.

Item 4. Voted to elect a Trustee for a period of three years, after the adoption of the Report as a whole.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Election of Trustees

Under Election of Trustees, the term of Mr. Nels Johnson of Chicago, having expired, he was re-elected for a period of three years, making the list of Trustees as follows:

Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, Chicago, term expires 1905.
A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Ill., term expires 1906.
Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, term expires 1907.

At 3 o'clock Synod heard a paper read by the Rev. A. L. Boliek, of Newberry, Ind., on the Subject: "The Debt which the World owes to the Church."

The discussion was opened by the Rev. A. D. Crile of Chicago.

Adjourned with prayer at 4:30, led by Rev. W. J. Finck.

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Sixth Session

Phanuel Church, June 4, 1904, 8 a. m.

Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. P. W. Roth.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments

1. We recommend that the Goshen and Lafayette parishes be excused from the deficit of 1903, on condition that they meet their apportionments for 1904, 1905, 1906.

2. We herewith submit the tabulated statistical report for the past year. (See appendix).

3. We have made the following apportionments for the year 1904–1905. (See table, page 43).

4. We recommend that a Special Committee composed of three ministers and two laymen be appointed, to prepare and submit a plan to Synod for apportioning congregations, the same to report next year.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as amended.

Apportionments 1904-1905

Parishes and Pastors	Congregations	Synodical Home Missions	Education	Foreign Missions	Synodical Expenses	Total
Alexandria, Rev. J. C. Dietz	Our Saviour	19 35	3 00	2 15	1 30	25 80
Auderson, Rev. Wm. J. Finck	St. John's	45 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	60 00
	Mt Zion's	12 60	1 95	1 40	85	16 80
Chicago, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.	Holy Trinity	152 10	22 95	20 10	11 50	206 65
Rev. A. D. Crile	Wicker Park	225 25	34 00	29 75	12 75	301 75
Rev. Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's	35 51	5 36	4 70	2 70	48 27
Rev. L. W. Steckel	St. James'	19 35	3 00	2 15	1 30	25 80
Rev. P. J. Gerberding	St. Matthew's	43 20	6 70	4 80	2 90	57 60
Rev. H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	60 75	9 45	6 75	4 05	81 00
Rev. M. E. Haberland	St. Luke's	25 00	4 50	3 25	2 00	34 75
Rev. J. R. E. Hunt	St. John's	52 20	8 10	5 80	3 50	69 60
Rev. L. P. Pence	Atonement	14 85	2 30	1 65	1 00	19 80
Claremont, Rev. J. V. Sappenfield	St. James'	71 00	10 75	9 38	5 35	96 48
Claremont, Rev. J. V. Sappenfield	St. Paul's	21 20	3 20	2 80	1 60	28 80
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wike	St. John's	37 60	5 70	5 00	2 85	51 15
	Zion's	29 15	4 40	3 85	2 20	39 60
	Bethel	14 30	2 15	1 90	1 00	19 35
Corydon (Brady L. Stroup Student supply)	Mt. Solomon	68 90	10 40	9 10	5 20	93 60
Decatur, Rev. H. Peters	First English	55 65	8 40	7 35	4 20	75 60
Detroit, Rev. J. A. Miller	St. Paul's	18 90	2 95	2 10	1 20	25 15
E. Germantown, Rev. H. Martens	Zion's	15 90	2 40	2 10	1 20	21 60
	St. Jacob's	13 75	2 10	1 80	1 10	18 75
	St. John's	16 95	2 55	2 15	1 30	22 95
Elgin, Rev. P. W. Roth	Holy Trinity	113 40	17 10	15 00	8 50	154 00
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.	Holy Trinity	367 29	55 50	46 50	27 75	497 04
Frankfort, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh	St. Paul's	47 15	7 10	6 25	3 50	64 00
Gila, Rev. John Knauer	Union	53 00	8 00	7 00	4 00	72 00
Goshen, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	First English	102 80	15 50	13 60	7 75	139 65
Hicksville, Rev. L. Hogshead	St. John's	37 10	5 60	5 00	2 80	50 50
	Lost Creek	37 10	5 60	5 00	2 80	50 50
	Zion's	15 35	2 30	2 05	1 15	20 85
Lafayette, Rev. E. D. S. Boyer	Zion's	20 25	3 15	2 25	1 35	27 00
Mishawaka, Rev. M. E. Boulton	First English	18 90	2 95	2 10	1 20	25 15
Mulberry, Rev. W. J. Seiberling	Zion's	78 45	11 85	10 35	5 90	106 55
	Fairhaven	76 85	11 20	10 15	5 70	103 90
Newberry, Rev. A. L. Boliek	St. Peter's	22 80	3 45	3 00	1 65	30 90
	Mt. Zion's	29 60	4 40	3 90	2 25	40 15
Rochester, Rev. G. F. Dittmar	St. Paul's	45 05	6 80	5 95	3 40	61 20
	St. John's	15 90	2 40	2 10	1 20	21 60
South Bend, Rev. Wm. Eckert	Holy Trinity	31 95	5 00	3 55	2 15	42 65
Syracuse, Rev. T. F. Weiskotten	St. Paul's	13 15	2 10	1 50	1 20	17 95
Nappanee. (Vacant)	Grace	9 90	1 55	1 10	65	13 20
	Emmanuel	29 70	4 50	3 90	2 25	40 35
Vandalia, Rev. S. D. Myers	St. John's	19 08	2 90	2 50	1 45	25 93
	St. James'	66 25	11 00	8 75	5 00	91 00
Wallace, Rev. I. Whitman	Phanuel	54 00	8 15	7 15	4 10	73 40
	Emmanuel	16 90	2 50	2 25	1 25	22 90
	Philadelphia	11 65	1 75	1 55	90	15 85
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese	Union	7 95	1 20	1 05	60	10 80
	Salem's	59 35	8 95	7 85	4 45	80 60
	St. Mark's	74 20	11 20	9 80	5 60	100 80
	St. James'	57 80	8 70	7 60	4 35	78 45
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Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to report that the Committee arranged for a service on Friday evening, but whereas the storm then prevented the holding of this service, we request that Synod permit the holding of the service in the interest of this cause to-night.

Also, that in accordance with the instructions of Synod a year ago, your Committee has corresponded with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council in reference to the conditions upon which our Synod may support a native pastor in India. Under date of March 12, 1904, we received the reply from the Secretary of the Board, that the Board had four native pastors, the annual salary of each being about $125.00. The Chairman of the Board asks the question if our Synod might not furnish an American pastor from it's own field, so that he might represent our Synod in our Foreign Mission. In view of the urgent need of missionaries for the carrying on of our work among our brethren in India, we present this petition for the prayerful consideration of our pastors and the young men and women of our congregations.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That Synod request the General Council Foreign Mission Board to assign a native pastor to our Synod for support, and that we appropriate $125.00 for his support the ensuing synodical year.

2. That Synod appropriate $125.00 and the Foreign Mission offering received during this couvention of Synod, to the India Mission.

3. That Synod appropriate $50.00 to the Porto Rico Mission.

4. That whereas these appropriations are by no means the measure of our duty and responsibility to the great heathen world which God has placed at the very door of the Church of to-day, by means of modern inventions, facilities for travel and the opening up of the heathen world to our missiouaries, that our people be urged by their pastors to give regularly, systematically and liberally to this cause, so that the Church may carry out the commission of her risen Lord, to "make disciples of all nations."

5. That congregations, societies, and individual members of means be urged to support native students, and that our Committee on Foreign Missions include in it's report, a list of such scholarships supported by parishes or individuals connected with Synod.

6. That pastors seek to keep our people informed concerning our Foreign work, and see that the "Foreign Missionary" is regularly distributed as far as possible, in the Snnday Schools and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Benevolence

We your Committee respectfully submit the following:

We arranged and held a service in the interest of Benevolence in connection with meeting of Synod on last Wednesday evening.

We recommend, that the offering gathered at this meeting, be equally divided between the Hospital at Chicago and the Orphan's Home at Zelienople, Pa.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Boulton it was

Resolved: That there be appointed for the ensuing year, a "Committee on Parochial Reports and Statistics."

On motion of the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., it was

Resolved: That a Committee of three be appointed, to be known as "Committee on the History of Synod, and Historical Monographs of the Parishes."

The following action was taken:

Resolved: That we as a Synod request the Rev. M. L. Wagner of Dayton, Ohio, to continue and complete his history of the Chicago Synod in co-operation with "The Committee on the History of Synod."

The Rev. A. L. Boliek was appointed to prepare a brief obituary of the late Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, for publication in our minutes.

The Secretary was ordered to have 3,000 copies of the minutes printed.

Synod adopted the following, on motion of the Rev. A. D. Crile.

Resolved: That the Rev. Luther Hogshead, be appointed to investigate the Charter and Constitution of Synod, regarding the status of Trustees, and that he be instructed to report at our next convention.

Synod adjourned at 11:10 a. m., led in prayer by the Rev. Wm. Eckert.

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Seventh Session

Phanuel Church, June 4, 1904, 2 p. m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Special Committee on the Publications of the General Council Publication Board, offered the following Report, which was adopted:

Whereas the object of all church organization is to spread the truth of God's Word, by means of which sinners are to be renewed, sanctified and developed into becoming workers together with God, therefore,

Resolved: 1. That it should be the first and chief object of all the Publication Boards of the Church, to circulate the literature of the Church at the lowest possible price, without any thought of making profits for her beneficent operations.

Resolved: 2. That we as a Synod do most respectfully petition the General Council to instruct it's Publication Board to work hereafter on this basis.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses

We, your Committee on absentees and excuses wish to submit the following report concerning absent brethren:

1. Rev. J. A. Miller, J. R. E. Hunt, R. F. Weidner, D. D., D. L. Reese and A. V. House, have sent letters explaining their in-

ability to be present at this convention of Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

2. The following brethren have explained the necessity of their absence from some of the sessions of this convention.

Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., L. P. Pence, M. E. Haberland, Elmer D. S. Boyer, J. C. Dietz, after Friday.

Rev. A. C. Anda and G. F. Dittmar gave reasons for their absence after the Saturday morning session.

Rev. P. C. Wike gave reasons for his absence after Thursday evening.

Rev. W. J. Seiberling gave valid reasons for his absence from Thursday noon till Friday evening.

Delegates Harry C. Sense, Urias Bertsch, A. E. Gusterline gave reasons for their absence after Friday. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

3. Rev. Z. M. Corbet, having requested to be excused without giving any reasons for same, we recommend that he be not excused.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as amended.

The officers of Synod were instructed to arrange for a paper to be read at the next convention on the subject of "The Christian Kindergarten."

Vote of Thanks

Whereas the pastors, lay delegates and visitors to the Chicago Synod have been royally entertained, and their every comfort and every want has been provided for by the pastor and people of Phanuel Church,

Resolved, that the heartfelt thanks of this body be tendered to Rev. Isaiah Whitman and his faithful parishioners.

The President was instructed to present the thanks of Synod at the close of Sunday evening service.

The President appointed the following Standing and Special Committees:

Standing Committees

Examination—Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, Rev. Luther Hogshead.

Home Missions—Rev. W. L. Huntón, Ph.D., Rev. A. C. Anda, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. P. W. Roth; Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, J. Otto Hoereth, George Roth, Ernst Erickson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Rev. S. D. Myers, Mr. Urias Bertsch.

Education—Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. H. B. Reed, Mr. Luther Easterday.

Benevolence—Rev. A. L. Boliek, Rev. J. V. Sappenfield, Mr. J. M. Snyder.

Discipline—Rev. W. J. Finck, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., Rev. J. V. Sappenfield, Rev. H. Martens, Rev. P. J. Gerberding.

Reception of Congregations—Rev. M. E. Haberland, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, Mr. Wm. Brewer.

Parochial Reports and Apportionments—Rev. Wm. Eckert, Rev. M. E. Boulton, Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Mr. H. S. K. Bartholomew, Mr. H. Rudisill.

Special Committees

Synodical Paper—Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Rev. Elmer D. S. Boyer, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, H. S. K. Bartholomew, Karl A. Wernle.

History of Synod and Historical Monographs—Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh.

Statistics—Rev. M. E. Boulton, Rev. J. C. Dietz, Rev. P. J. Gerberding, Rev. Geo. F. Dittmar.

Plan for Apportionments—Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. Luther Hogshead. Messrs. N. D. Myers, M. D., Wm. Brewer.

On Status of Trustees—Rev. L. Hogshead.

Board of Directors, Colburn Academy—Pres., Rev. I. Whitman, Sec., Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Treas., Mr. Geo. Rohrabaugh, Rev.

W. J. Seiberling, Elmer D. S. Boyer, P. C. Wike, Messrs. O. J. Mennen, Wm. Brewer, John Cook.

Program for Meeting of Synod—The officers of Synod and the pastor *loci*.

At 3 o'clock, a Memorial Service, in charge of the Rev. A. L. Boliek, was held to the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, deceased.

Addresses were made by Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Rev. A. L. Boliek, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Rev. L. Hogshead and by N. D. Myers, M. D.

The minutes of this session were read and adopted.

Synod adjourned at 4:30, to convene on Sunday evening after service, for the formal close.

The President pronounced the Benediction.

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Eighth Session

Phanuel Church, June 5, 9:30 p. m.

After the close of the evening service, the Synod was called to order by the President. He presented the thanks of Synod to the pastor and people of the Phanuel Church for their hospitality.

The Secretary reported that the brethren ordained at the morning service had signed the Constitution, and that their names had been added to the Roll of Ministers.

Synod adjourned at 10 p. m. according to the prescribed Order in the Church Book.

Religious Services and Addresses

WEDNESDAY MORNING: **Opening Services—**

Liturgical Services by Secretary and Treasurer.
Synodical Sermon by President, based on Phil. 3: 13, 14.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—

Paper by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D., "Christianity as a Social Factor"

WEDNESDAY EVENING: **Benevolence Meeting—**

Services in charge of the Rev. A. L. Boliek.
Addresses by the Rev. W. J. Seiberling and Rev. L. Hogshead.
Offerings for Benevolence.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—

Paper by the Rev. Wm. Eckert, "The Debt which the Church owes to the World."
Discussion opened by the Rev. M. E. Boulton.

THURSDAY EVENING: **Educational Meeting—**

Services conducted by the Rev. A. D. Crile.
Addresses by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., and Rev. P. W. Roth.
Offerings for Education.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—

Paper by the Rev. A. L. Boliek, "The Debt which the World owes to the Church.
Discussion opened by the Rev. A. D. Crile.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: **Memorial Services—**

To the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, deceased.
Services in charge of the Rev. A. L. Boliek.
Addresses by the Rev. A. L. Boliek, A. V. House, W. J. Finck, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., L Hogshead and N. D. Myers, M.D.

SATURDAY EVENING: **Foreign Mission Meeting—**

Services in charge of the Rev. Geo. P. Kabele.
Addresses by the Rev. W. J. Finck and L. Hogshead.
Offerings for Foreign Missions.

SUNDAY MORNING: **Ordination Services—**

Services in charge of Officers of Synod; Ordination Sermon by the Secretary, the Rev. H. B. Reed, based on II Cor. 5: 20; Candidates ordained, John Knauer and Lloyd W. Steckel.
Offering for the Seminary at Chicago.

SUNDAY EVENING: **Home Missions—**

Services in charge of the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D.
Addresses by the Rev. A. D. Crile and A. C. Anda.
Offering for Home Missions.

Register of Congregations

Name	Parish	Location
Holy Trinity..	Holy Trinity.....	.....La Salle av. and Elm st.. Chicago
Wicker Park...	Wicker Park.....	.....N. Hoyne av. and Le Moyne st.. Chicago
St. John's.....	Englewood	.... Indiana av. S. of Sixty-first st., Chicago
St. Mark's	Lake View	.. .. Clark st. and Addison av,, Chicago
St. Peter's	Humboldt Park ...	N. Spaulding av. and Le Moyne st.. Chicago
St. Matthew's.	Mandell	Flournoy st., near Forty-seventh av., Chicago
St. James'.....	Avondale	Kimbell Hall, Hayes st.. nr. Kimbell, Chicago
St. Luke's.....	Logan Square	....N. Fraucisco and Mariana aves., Chicago
Atonement....	Englewood	..... Sixty-ninth st., Chicago
St. James'.....	Vandalia.....	....Vandalia, Illinois
First English .	Decatur.....	..N. Main and William sts.. Decatur, Illinois
St. James'.....	Claremout	..... Claremont, Richland county, Illinois
Union.....	Gila	....Gila, Illinois
Holy Trinity...	E'gin	..... Elgin. Illinois
Holy Trinity..	Fort Wayne	Wayne and Clinton sts., Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Holy Trinity..	South Bend	.... South Bend, Indiana
First English..	Mishawaka	.... Mishawaka, Indiana
First English..	Goshen	.....Goshen, Indiana
Holy Trinity..	Lafayette	..... Lafayette, Indiana
St. Mark's	Whitestown	..... Whitestown, Indiana
St. James' ...	Whitestown	Near Darlington, Montgomery county, Ind.
Salem	Whitestown	.....New Augusta, Indiana
Union.....	Whitestown	..... East of Whitestown, Indiana
Emmanuel....	Nappanee	S. W. of Nappanee, Kosciusko county, Ind.
St. John's.. ..	Nappanee	..... Nappanee, Indiana
St. Paul's	Syracuse	..... Benton, Elkhart county, Indiana
Syracuse	Syracuse	..... Syracuse Kosciusko county, Indiana
Emmanuel....	Wallace	... Near Hillsboro, Fountain county, Indiana
Phanuel.....	Wallace	....Near Wallace, Fountain county, Indiana
Philadelphia..	Wallace	.....Near Milligan, Parke county, Indiana
St. John's	Colhurn	.....Near Owasco, Carroll county, Indiana
Zion's	Colburn	..... . Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Bethel	Colburn	..... Pettit, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Zion's	E. Germantown ..	. East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana
St. John's	E. Germantown ...	..... Middletown, Henry county, Indiana
St. Jacob's	E. Germantown ...	..... Millville, Henry county, Indiana
St. Paul's	Rochester	..... Tiosa, Fulton county, Indiana
St. John's	Rochester	..... Bruce Lake, Fulton county, Indiana
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The Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield

The subject of this notice was descended from a family of Lutherans who migrated to America in early times, settling in North Carolina. His parents moved to Indiana in 1828, locating in Park County. Here the deceased was born, Aug. 22, 1838, and was baptized by the Rev. J. L. Morkert.

In childhood he formed the resolution to enter the Gospel Ministry. Many obstacles however were in his way. It was not until he reached his thirty-sixth year, that his long cherished hopes were realized, the Indiana Synod ordaining him September 27, 1874.

He served four charges during his ministry; the Wallace, Newberry, Gila and Claremont parishes, all of the Chicago Synod. In addition to his regular work, he did much missionary and supply work. In this way he cared for the Corydon field for twelve years. Many of the scattered Lutherans, remnants of old congregations that had died of neglect, were visited by him and ministered to.

The Rev. Mr. Sappenfield was a man of sterling worth and Christian character. He was without guile, open-hearted, frank and generous to a fault. While not having had the advantages of a thorough training for the Ministry, his good sense and judgment compensated for other deficiencies he may have had.

He fell asleep in Christ and in peace, Jan. 24, 1904, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 2 days.

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The Congregation's Obligation to Pay the Synodical Apportionment

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The question of apportionments is one of the important ones with which every Synod has to deal. It is a question which does not stand by itself, but which affects to a degree at least, every department of the Synod's distinctive work. It is the result of other questions, yet their activities are largely controlled by it. Whenever apportionments are regularly paid, the work along the various lines runs smoothly, but when from any cause apportionments remain unpaid, distress at once results, and a distress in proportion to the amount of delinquency.

The Church is not like the many other organizations in the world, human in it's origin, but divine. It is the Kingdom of God among men, and as such, God has given her a great work to do. She is to carry the Gospel to all mankind. This she is in duty bound to perform, or prove faithless.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," "Make disciples of all the Nations," are the explicit commands of the Divine Master, himself. And when we remember that all men are by nature the enemies of God and slaves to the world, we realize that the winning of the world to Christ will be a slow and laborious process, and can never be accomplished in an indifferent and haphazard way, but only by persistent, untiring and united effort.

It is therefore necessary that the forces of God in the world should be thoroughly organized, fully equipped, and faithfully supported when sent into the conquest. And this is all the more necessary, since the Church has not merely to hold the ground she has gained, but must continue to extend her borders until they embrace the whole earth. The more thoroughly she does these things, the more able will she be to do the work God has laid upon her, and the greater will be her progress in doing it.

That congregations sometimes fail to pay the amount apportioned, is only stating a simple fact, for within the last six years, there has been a delinquency along this line, in the Chicago Synod alone, of more than one thousand two hundred dollars.

Nor is this failure on the part of congregations to pay the apportionment the result, in any case of poverty, for it is a fact that

congregations always pay more money into the treasury of Synod when thy have pastors than when they are vacant. This frequently means that when they have a pastor's services they pay his salary and the apportionment in full, and when they have no minister, and consequently no salary to pay, they pay least of all into the Synod's treasury. This condition is the result, largely, of indifference and negligence, and perhaps also of ignorance as to what the apportionment really is for, rather than a wilful refusal on the part of the congregation.

We will now proceed to discuss, briefly, some of the obligations resting upon the congregation with regard to paying it's Synodical apportionment. It is the duty of the Congregation:

1. *From the fact that it is practically an obligation of the congregation's own making.*

The Synod is not some higher body whose business and privilege it is to lay burdens on the congregations beneath it, and command them to hear, but it is the congregations themselves assuming certain burdens. The work of Synod is done, not by the entire membership, (for it would be impossible for all to meet together in one place) but by the different congregations composing Synod, through pastors and delegates sent by them for that purpose. Whenever, therefore, a congregation is not represented at Synod by pastor, or delegate, or both, the fault lies with itself, and is not the result of any law prohibiting it, and it's voice in the deliberations of that body is wanting only where it has failed to do it's duty.

Here the congregations through their representatives, plan the general work of Synod for the coming year, and make provisions for carrying out those plans, and it is here that the apportionment originates.

The Church cannot maintain schools, seminaries, institutions of charity etc., and carry on the work of building up the Kingdom of God at home and in heathen lands, without money; and the amount of money needed will depend upon the amount of work contemplated. Whenever Synod has ascertained the amount of money needed to carry on it's various enterprises, it then knows how much money it must raise within its bounds for the coming year, and so apportions this amount among the different congregations, according to their strength and ability.

Thus instead of the Apportionment being something which is laid on the congregation by some higher power, it is merely what the

congregation, through it's pastor and delegate, has agreed to raise for certain specified purposes. It is therefore, as an honest and honorable party, under obligation to pay what has been apportioned to it. "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it." "Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." Eccl. 5: 4, 5.

2. *From the fact that, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Or as also declared: "They which preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel."*

This has reference to the first two items of the synodical apportionment, Home and Foreign Missions, so far as those who are sent out to preach are concerned, and a failure to pay the apportionment is virtually a refusal or neglect to pay the laborer his hire.

The congregations composing the Synod propose to engage in certain mission work at home or abroad, and extend a call to a person or persons to enter upon the work proposed. As there is as yet no means of support on the field, the Synod engaging them must make itself responsible for their pay, to whatever extent it may deem necessary to the proper carrying on of the work. As this generally is the entire source of all income the missionary has, it is evident that without it he cannot live. But where is the Synod to get the money to pay these men and make possible the success of it's enterprises? From the congregations, according to agreement, and as has been apportioned. The success or failure, therefore, of the Synod's enterprises rests with the congregations. If they fulfil their promises these enterprises go forward; if they fail, they die. And it is the same thing whether it is an individual who engages us to do work, or a Synod. The obligation to pay is the same in both cases. For the individual to fail in paying those who labor for him, is called dishonest; in a Synod it will amount to the same thing, though people often seem to think that it is of small importance whether obligations made in spiritual things are kept or not. The congregation which does not pay it's apportionment is failing in a two-fold duty; first to the missionary whom it fails to support after calling him to the work, and secondly, to the other congregations to whom it has shifted the burden, by making them pay what it should have paid.

3. *From the obligation arising from the Saviors command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."*

This is the other side of the first two items of our apportionment,

and affects us with regard to our duty to our fellow men, as set forth by the Divine Lord and Master.

As sincere believers in God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent, we must recognize the fact, that we cannot live for ourselves alone, cannot be satisfied and content simply to see that we and our children are provided for in spiritual things. That would prove us to be unworthy of the name we bear, for a Christian is one who loves God, "and this commandment have we from Him, that he who loves God, love his brother also."

The congregatiou, therefore, that wilfully refuses to pay it's apportionment, or even indifferently neglects it, does not show the proper respect for the Master's command, nor the love it should for it's fellow men.

4. *From the command of our Savior "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."*

This touches upon the third item of our apportionment, viz. Beneficiary Education.

The question of laborers has always been the same, "The harvest plenteous, but the laborers few." This has been true of every age and is true of this age also. But it is especially true of our Church in this land. The cry for more laborers is one that continually goes up from all parts of our field, and one which from all appearances will continue to go up for many years to come. The question, therefore, of a Ministry equal to the demands of the Church, should be one of great concern, for to fail in this line would be fatal to the Church, for, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and belief rests upon preaching and preaching on a Ministry.

Now as our theological students are largely drawn from the ranks of the poor, those whose only heritage is their ability to work, and their willingness to do so, and, since to become a minister requires years of study and great expense, it is necessary that the Church give at least so much aid as to make it possible for those who purpose to enter upon this great work, to do so. Hence the third item of the apportionment.

The refusal then, of a congregation to pay it's apportionment, is a refusal to aid in raising up a Ministry for the Church, hence is an evidence that the congregation has not the future welfare of the

Church at heart. In it's case, the Savior's words "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest," have fallen on deaf ears.

5. *From the obligation which rests upon all men to pay an honest debt.*

Under this, somewhat plain heading, we will refer to the fourth item of the Synodical apportionment, Synodical Expenses. There are certain expenses incurred each year by Synod in the carrying on of it's work. These expenses are unavoidable, and to them all congregations contribute. They are therefore, apportioned among the different congregatious in such a manner that each bears it's rightful portion. The largest single item of these expenses is incurred in the printing and distribution of the minutes. Last year these comprised a pamphlet of 56 pages, and the expense of printing and mailing them amounted to $159 69.

These minutes are printed for the benefit of the members of the different congregations, and in sufficient numbers that a copy may be placed in the hands of every family, in order that they may know the work Synod has done, the amount of money raised, how it was expended, the amount to be raised the coming year, for what it is to be used, etc.

This then, is an honest and honorable debt, one for which the congregation has had value received, and to refuse to pay it or neglect to do so, is poor business from whatever point we view it. Yet a congregation that would never think of refusing to pay it's coal or gas bill, will sometimes let the apportionment go, without apparently, giving it even a thought.

6. *From the obligation arising from the declaration of God's Word "He that provideth not for his own, especially those of his own house, hath denied the faith and is worse them an infidel."*

While this does not primarily refer to the fifth item of the apportionment, yet we believe that it covers this point, viz., the apportionment for Ministerial Relief. It is as self-evident as an axiom in Mathematics, that few ministers die rich in this world's goods. This is not so much the result of bad management as of small income. The ordinary salary of the minister is, as a rule, not above his actual needs. Now, so long as the minister has good health for himself and family, and is able to perform the duties of an active ministry, all goes well and he is able to take care of himself and his

family. But like other mortals, his allotted time is also three score and ten years, or, perhaps by reason of strength, four score years. There comes, therefore a time when the minister grows old, and to age often infirmity is added. What is to be done then? He has sacrificed time, and money, and talent, and health for the up-building of the Church; and is he now to be cast aside at will like a piece of worn out machinery on the farm or in the factory? This seems to be the idea of some congregations, for it is sometimes done. But such should never be the case. When, as does occasionally happen, the minister breaks down in the service and has no means of support, it is the duty of the Church to see that his wants are provided for; and in such cases it is not a work of charity, but simply a case of the Church providing for it's own. And that congregation which refuses to pay it's apportionment, is failing to do it's duty to those of it's own household and has in a measure, at last, denied the faith.

We have now dealt with the congregation's obligation to pay it's Synodical apportionment, as it affects a congregation of our own Synod, and have, therefore, touched only upon those subjects covered by our own apportionment. We might proceed to multiply the obligations resting upon God's people to further the work of His kingdom, by taking up the various phases of the Church's activities as found on the Parochial Blank, or recommended in the minutes of Synod; but as they are not a part of the apportionment, they hardly fall within the limits of the subject.

We will, therefore, close at this point, hoping that what has been written may prove helpful in enabling some to see the apportionment in it's true light, who have hitherto been unable to do so; and seeing, cheerfully aid in advancing the causes it represents, giving "not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Copies of this paper in tract form, will be sent free upon application to the Secretary of the Chicago Synod. Rev. H. B. Reed, 944 Le Moyne St., Chicago, Ill.

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